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SGD HOLMES
1. Political

A. Internal

1. Amb's talk with PriMin, Mincourt: PriMin told Amb he talked with Shah about necessity for having "whole" govt and said it was mistake for MinInterior, Security Forces and Police not be entirely under govt's authority. Thought in circumstances it appropriate for Army be under Shah's control but believed it should stay out of politics and needed cleaning up and reorganization. Characterized Shah as well-intentioned and informed but hesitant in making important decisions. Amini referred to govt spokesman, Min Agriculture Arsanjani, saying his intemperate statements harmful but helped take wind out of national front sails. Also mentioned Shah's approval of order for arrest of Aramesh (item (4) below). (SECRET).

Hosein Ala, Min Court expressed firm support for Amini govt and its objectives during Amb's initial call. Was concerned, however, over considerable influence of three ministers: Alamuti, Justice; Arsanjani, Agriculture; and Derakhshesh, Education. Said he had warned Amini these three capable undermining PriMin and ruining his program. Said Shah has long favored reforms, would continue support Amini. Added land to element aware changes must be made and best way for them preserve their positions and possessions is to yield to popular demands for Socio-economic improvement.

Ala also said Iranians had shown some concern over American attitude at time inauguration new Washington administration but recent US actions had been reassuring. (CONFIDENTIAL).

Comment: Amini appeared determined continue vigorous efforts implement his program and convince Shah that full support is needed to "save the country". (SECRET).

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2. Appeal for more budgetary assistance: When Ax called on PriMin 28 Jun to announce \$15 million FY-62 defense support, Amini made strong appeal for more budgetary assistance because of rising current expenditures and inability so far to make cuts in line with IMF stabilization proposals. Econ advisor Farmanfarmayan put case on grounds political support for Amini govt as well as Ned finance necessary public expenditure, permit build-up foreign exchange reserves. Amb replied that, while glad to pass on any request of PriMin, Washington would want to know in detail the 1340 budgetary and balance of payments prospects. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: Iraniks themselves do not yet have precise idea of said prospects but explorations these subjects thus far have obviously caused them concern. (CONFIDENTIAL)

3. Amini press conference: At press conference June 21, Amini made special effort allay rumors of military and rightwing opposition his govt. Backing away from previous position his regime could be succeeded only by military dictatorship, he insisted that present govt's reform program supported by Shah, and successor govt, no matter what its composition, would have no alternative but to continue present program.

Amini read list of 30 Littlskown civilian officials charged with corruption, and endeavored convince army that worries he concentrating on corruption in military, neglecting civilians were unfounded. In answer direct question whether govt threatened by military coup, he said there was neither need nor danger of coup since Shah could dissolve govt whenever he wished. (UNCLASSIFIED)

4. Aramesh arrest: Former Plan Org Chief Aramesh was arrested June 28, two days after second press conference attacking U.S. influence in Iran. Was charged with acting against interests of state and creating public anxiety and disorder. Trial may be secret since a part of the accusation reportedly involves divulging of classified information. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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5. Rural disturbances: Rumors of rural disturbances Azerbaijan and other parts of country partially confirmed by Gendarmerie and army which attributed incidents to landlord-peasant conflicts and disputes over water rights. In one such incident number of peasants blocked Rudsar-Rasht Road in Caspian area. At press conference June 21, Primin dismissed incidents as usual events at harvest time. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Widespread publicity given land reform and landlord-peasant relationships this year has served to draw attention to what possibility exists, however, that govt's propaganda on land reform and its toleration of increased political activity may encourage such disturbances. (CONFIDENTIAL)

B. External

1. Iran-Kuwait: Public reaction Kassem claim to Kuwait one of considerable concern but no alarm. Shah sent congratulatory message to ruler June 21. Emb. has heard GOI planning send "Congratulatory Mission" to Kuwait in near future.

FonMin UnderSecty told Embassy GOI regarded matter as an Arab affair in which it would not be helpful for Iran to intervene directly. GOI nonetheless supported independence of Kuwait but hoped there would be no move to establish independent status for Bahrein. Declared that in such event Iran would be forced "Take Action" despite desire to avoid trouble with UK. (CONFIDENTIAL)

2. Iran-Iraq: FonMin told AMB that GOI communicated with Iraqi Govt indicating it not now able to set time for discussion on matters at issue between two govt's. Expressed personal view such talks would not be beneficial to Iran and conveyed impression he intended to postpone them indefinitely. (CONFIDENTIAL)

3. New legations: According to FonMin Iran plans open legations soon in Libya, Ethiopia, Sudan, Ghana, and Nigeria. Told AMB he took satisfaction in fact these offices could be added within existing budget. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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II. Psychological

A. Press

1. Kuwait: Issue dominated news reportage. Comment extended warm welcome; Qassem claim called baseless. Ettelaat, one day saying Qassem irresponsible, next day noted it queer that great patriot and defender principle sovereignty Qassem should get colonial ideas, suggested perhaps Qassem moving forestall similar move by Nasser. Keyhan sarcastically wondered why Qassem did not make claim while British still there.

2. CENTO: Ettelaat said one reason for Pak discontent U.S. attitude towards neutrals was that pacts like CENTO important only in peace, since no country will send single soldier to fight in another; advantage of pacts is to justify requests for U.S. aid and strengthen internal security... (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Ettelaat phrasing unclear, may be expressing presumed Pak attitude rather than own opinion. (UNCLASSIFIED)

3. Disarmament talks: Post Tehran, Ettelaat opine unlikely talks will amount to anything, latter noting however vital necessity both sides endure long weeks of futile talks for sake of peace. (UNCLASSIFIED)

4. Amini: Large majority comment still supports govt. Major daily Ettelaat gives strong support. Both Pro-Amini Keyhan and Anti-Post Tehran objected govt talks too much, does not enough. Sedaye Mardom allows Amini is brilliant, but objected Iran does not want govt of individuals, but govt of law. (UNCLASSIFIED)

5. Press relations: Hoping Scotch rumors through establishment official govt source, PM decreed dir publications and broadcasting should make self available editors and publishers specific half hour daily and depy dir full-time to reporters, to give facts re unconfirmed reports. Meanwhile, three publications suspended briefly for obscure reasons. Several editors met Wednesday at Press Club, agreed take matter to PM. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Despite public complaints, privately pressmen admit they have never had greater freedom. Suspensions apparently govt attempt warn press not to go too far. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

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B. Radio

1. Berlin: Reporting on House Committee ratification 43 billion U.S. defense budget, Radio Iran suggested this proves America determined to protect West Berlin.
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2. Radio Moscow/NVI: RM continued avoid direct attacks against Shah, Amini, while criticising "Ruling Class" subservience to U.S., CENTO militarism, and failure to adopt neutralist policy "Desired by People." Said U.S. General to be appointed CENTO Chief of Staff; member countries' armies thus will become part of U.S. war machine. Continued oft-repeated theme that due to military expenditures Iran bankrupt, unemployment widespread, laborers' earnings too low to support families. Noted anniversary Hitler invasion USSR, saying war proved USSR and Iran "Always United in Time of Danger." Said Reza Shah lost people's support by supporting Fascists; people must resist U.S., Western Imperialists' "NeoHitlerism."

Iranian press, which recently began prominent coverage RM/NVI Broadcasts, with inaccurate implication that broadcasts had markedly increased intensity of attacks on Iran, reported RM as saying that CIA disagrees with State Department support Amini Govt and its policy of trying prevent growth of Nationalism by "Ostensible Reform Measures;" CIA said to be initiating moves to topple govt, despite Ambassador Holmes's assurances to Amini of support.

NVI Moharram Broadcast called on nation to struggle bravely against cruel, corrupt Pahlavi dynasty, usurped Amini govt, "As Imam Hossein fought against cruelty and corruption." Continued urge Strmvly return of Mosadeq, foiling of military coup planned by Royal Court.

Called for peasant revolt against landlord. Said peasants must refuse give up "illegal" proprietor's share of crop, which yields landlords annual amount more than double total govt budget; said landlords have no right to their "usurped" landholdings.

Announced that 12 Iranian students took refuge UN Headquarters, New York; said students, who had called "Shah-rigged" elections illegal, were refused Iranian entry visas by order Shah and Ardesir Zahedi.

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III. Military

A. Army

1. Training: During 26-28 June, Corps Elements, Infantry Divisions and Brigades of all Corps moved from garrison areas to summer field training sites. 9th Indep Inf Div summer training cancelled due lack of funds for rail movement to training site. Funds may be allocated in fall for 9th Div field training. Summer training scheduled for 8 weeks. (CONFIDENTIAL)

2. Border guard support: Border guard officer at Sarakhs reported IIA not adequately supporting his unit. Guard post responsible for 240 KM of border area is without communications and transportation. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: IIA proposes transfer border guard to Gendarmerie in future because of difficulty encountered by Army in supporting border posts. Proposal hitherto unacceptable Gendarmerie since it envisages transfer of men and administrative machinery without proportionate budgetary and logistic support. (CONFIDENTIAL)

B. Navy - negative

C. Air Force

1. Aircraft delivery to IIAF: Twenty-two of increment of 26 F-86 aircraft expected to be delivered to IIAF during summer 1961 have been received. Remaining 4 will arrive in next 10 days. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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A. Internal

1. Amb's Audience with Shah.

Shah, during third audience with Amb, indicated continuing support for Amini accompanied by clear indication that final power resides in sovereign. Harshly attacking National Front, Shah called it potentially more dangerous than Tudeh and said that should it ever come to power, he would be unable remain. Emphasized that economic, social reforms must precede free elections, making it abundantly clear that he does not anticipate Majlis elections in near future. (CONFIDENTIAL)

2. Request for German Aid:

PriMin called in our Amb and German Amb July 5 for tripartite discussions Iranian aid requests. Did not add anything new to aid request from US (Weeka 26). First priority request to Germans was for \$30 million for second plan projects, mainly irrigation, disease and pest control; second priority request was for \$15 million for NIOC projects now underway, list of which will be given German Amb before he goes to Bonn 7 July. Only new project proposed; South-North pipeline and Tehran Oil Refinery, loans for which GOI asked be delayed until next year. German Amb replied that GOI approach is for aid of type not cutting very well German criteria and that Bonn would need some time study new NIOC request. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: GOI priorities result of Amb advice that Germans might choose only pipeline and ignore urgent current needs. Our Amb urged on German Amb idea of Bonn's adopting more flexible aid criteria to help preserve Amini Gov, found German Amb understanding and sympathetic. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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3. Stabilization Proposal: IMF Team in Tehran 14 June to 2 July took back new draft stabilization proposal for IMF Board consideration. Proposal would limit 1340 expansion private sector credit to four billion rials, assuming one billion rials retirement net public debt; private sector credit could be further increased if more than one billion rials public debt retired. Draft contains vague statement on GOI intention study possibilities removal current import restrictions. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

Comment: Team's main reservation concerns statement on import restrictions, which not considered specific enough. Team also doubtful re prospects public sector net debt retirement since budget still has large deficit. Min Finance working to cut expenditures and expects have new budget mid-July. (CONFIDENTIAL)

4. Student Protest Demonstration: Approximately 1200 students held rally on University Tehran grounds July 5 in protest over GOI's refusal allow National Front student agitators Fatemi and Qotbzadeh continue studies in U.S. "Death to Zahedi" and anti-American slogans were shouted. Four student leaders later saw PriMin, reportedly extracted promise that he would hear students' side of story before refusing to renew passports. (CONFIDENTIAL)

B. External

1. Iran-Kuwait: FonMin called in Iraqi Amb July 1 to counsel restraint Kuwait. July 2 papers announced plans send Co Ratulatory mission headed by Mohsen Sadr, former Pres of Senate. Emb informed mission will arrive Kuwait July 7 or 8.

FonMin Official denied report that Iranian Navy would escort vessels carrying food Kuwait and confirmed earlier GOI denial of press reports that Iraqi patrol boats fired on Iranian vessels. (CONFIDENTIAL)

II. Psychological

A. Press.

1. Kuwait: Consensus is Iran must promptly assert influence in Gulf area to protect its rights, several papers specifically noting possible threat to "Iranian" island of Bahrain. Kayan says Qassim created issue to divert people's attention from his failure fulfill promises of revolution. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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2. Neutralism: Etelatt says since U.S. adopted policy of "encouraging" neutralism, many countries tempted by advantages playing both ends against middle; says for country wishing to stay out of cold war, neutralism is good prospect. Later issue paper commends neutralist but nonisolationist principal's underlying upcoming Cairo Conference; says active participation neutral nations world politics destroys great power monopoly of influence. (UNCLASSIFIED)

3. Amini: Majority papers still support Govt, but some continue criticize govt for too much talk, too little action. Couple of small papers still carring, one calling Amini Press Conferences and arrests just "uncombe". Increasing calls for Amini to relieve certain noisy and ineffective Cabinet members. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Unnamed Cabinet members presumably Alamuti, Derakhshesh, Arsanjani, who have been focus of similar private criticisms. (CONFIDENTIAL)

B. Radio

1. Radio Moscow/NVI: RM disputed Amini statement in which he "tried to prove" that neutrality of no use to Iran, practical only for countries with power to defend selves. Said neutralism better protection for underdeveloped countries than participation aggressive imperialist blocs; as example cited British-French-Israeli aggression against neutral Egypt, which was stopped when USSR, Socialist-Group, and other peaceloving countries supported Egyptian people. Said Iranian "Ruling Class" admitted country facing bankruptcy; this has resulted from Iran's anti-national, pro-US policy, under which vast sums paid for worn-out US weapons, such as old US-made airplane which recently crashed in Tehran killing nine.

NVI called Shah "traitor", said he and Amini collecting taxes, revenues, spending them as they wish in absence Majlis control. Imperialist Embassies, especially US, support them; said Amb Holmes, in meetings with them, agreed to their continued rule without Majlis. Wonders what Amini may have promised in return for US Ambassador's support. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: RM, while avoiding direct personal attacks on Shah, PriMin, slightly increased criticism of Amini policy; major theme continues emphasize neutrality, withdrawal from Western agreements. NVI, posing as underground radio broadcast from Iran, continued abusive jibes at Shah, Royal Court,

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and govt officials, as usual called for violent overthrow of govt, return of Mosadeq.

Several small Tehran papers reported "renewal" Soviet propaganda attacks, some answering back by saying USSR suffers more corruption, etc., than Iran over which RM shedding crocodile tears. Radio-Iran, though not yet resuming campaign of answering RM, this week showed tendency make increased use of news broadcasts of materials unfavorable to communism. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

III. Military

A. Army

1. Retirements: Reliably reported that Shah approved list of 300 officers for retirement. Possible complication is question adequacy retirement fund. (SECRET)

B. Navy - Negative.

C. Air Force.

1. Aircraft delivery to IIAF: Four F86F Aircraft delivered completing programmed MAP deliveries this aircraft. Total of 26 F86F Aircraft now in inventory. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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I. POLITICAL

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1. Aid discussions: Farman-Farmayan, PRIMIN's Special Representative for International Financial Affairs, left for Bonn July 13 to discuss possibility German financing assistance. (Weeka 27). Subsequently will visit Washington for discussions of third development plan with IBRD. While there he hopes have informal exploratory discussions with U.S. officials on second plan financing gap. After Washington talks intends tour main European capitals in effort explain substance and objectives third plan.

While in Bonn Farman-Farmayan will submit loan application to German govt which, in present order of priority, will include \$15 million for certain on-going NIOC projects, \$30 million for various second plan projects, and financing for several new NIOC projects. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: GOI estimates remaining second plan financing gap at about \$60 million. Farman-Farmayan hopes explain nature and implication this gap to German and U.S. govts. and solicit their joint support in helping GOI complete plan. In respect third plan he hopes review economic and technical feasibility individual projects with IBRD and set stage for IBRD decision to explore possible establishment of international aid consortium for third plan period. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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2. Alamuti's corruption revelations: Min Justice Alamuti July 20 gave details govt charges being prepared against former high-ranking officials, including Gen Kia, former J-2; Gen Alavi-Moqadam, former Min Interior; Gen Navisi, former Head of Fisheries Dept; and by implication, ex-Pr-Min Eqbal. Alamuti claimed in his two months of office to have indicted, dismissed, transferred or otherwise taken action against 289 Min Justice employees. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: Difficulties facing govt on corruption issue are inability prosecute former ministers without Majlis consent necessity of exercising care in preparing cases, and probably also fear that scandals will touch Royal Family. (CONFIDENTIAL)

3. NF policy stiffens: Recent comments by NF leaders have revealed stiffening attitude towards Amini govt, particularly re Majlis elections. Present indications are that NF will urge elections be held soon, though probably not before start of University Tehran fall term, in order end present "suspension of democracy." As first move of more activist policy NF is planning demonstration July 21. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: Shah's comment to Amb that elections may not be held for one and one-half or two years and PrMin's repeated temporizing on issue indicate govt hopes postpone elections as long as possible. NF can be expected do everything possible frustrate this hope. (CONFIDENTIAL)

4. Times criticism of U.S. aid: London Times article of July 5, advising U.S. discontinue for one year all aid to Iran, received wide publicity, much unfavorable comment. Article claimed that "the more Americans try to help, the less they often achieve," and blamed U.S. aid for a decade of waste, financial trouble and "corruption in contracts on a scale unheard of." Privately, many Iranians saw article as indication of falling out between U.S. and Britain, some speculating that Britain is jealous of U.S. in notice published July 9, said views of Times do not represent those of British govt. (OUO)

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Comment: Times' Middle East Correspondent, Jerome Caminada, is new to region, and clearly has gotten earful of usual cliches concerning waste and absurdity of American aid. Strong local reaction indicates that Iranian sensitivity to any implication of big-power rivalry over Iran is strong as ever. (CONFIDENTIAL)

B. External

1. Ayub's talk with Shah: Pak Amb told our Amb that Pres Ayub planned at airport meeting July 7 to discuss with Shah what both believe to be U.S. move toward "favoring neutralism."

Pak Amb also said he had recommended to Ayub that latter urge Shah give full support to Amini govt as being in best interests future of Iran. (CONFIDENTIAL)

2. Pegov's return: Sov Amb Pegov returned Tehran July 12 after month's absence. Told reporters he had attended Moscow meetings Central Committee, CPSU. (UNCLASSIFIED)

II. PSYCHOLOGICAL

A. Press

1. Kuwait: Issue Kuwaiti independence largely ignored. Comment this week dominated by indignation at garrisoning British troops on "Iranian" Island of Behrein, by demands Britons leave island and by complaints at govt inaction. Etelaat led the pack. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Press comment uneasy about implications for Bahrein ever since Qassim declaration made. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

2. Soviet air show: Kayhan and Kayhan International carried unidentified wire service story, one photo evidently distributed by SovEmb; Tehran Journal carried photo. No other news coverage, no comment. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Comment: Lack press reaction curious; apparently editors simply failed grasp significance recent Soviet strides air power. (CONFIDENTIAL)

3. London Times articles: Papers unanimously indignant, some denying corruption Iran as widespread as claimed, others admitting faults but blaming them on foreigners, especially oil companies, which encourage corruption as means of lining own pockets. Etelaat opined article showed British reluctance see further spread U.S. influence in Iran; joined by couple small papers in pointing out similarity British and Soviet line. Only Etelaat indicated acceptance British Embassy disclaimer. (UNCLAS)

4. Amini: Comment somewhat less heavy this week, still basically pro-Amini, though continuing complaints against "certain" cabinet members, and demands for more action, less words. Influential weekly Khandaniha said Amini govt had fizzled out, perhaps because Amini lacked power to fulfil promises. Socialist Elm o Zendegi claimed govt does not want land reform; big talk was just to fool farmers. Big dailies said little. (UNCLASSIFIED)

5. Anti-corruption: Min Justice Alamutti press conference announcing prospective prosecution of high figures applauded by those papers commenting so far. Keyhan frequently skeptical, "liked the forcefulness he showed." Etelaat got impression he meant "to substitute action for mere promises." (UNCLASS)

B. Radio

1. Radio-Iran: Station continued trend noted recently of clearly favoring West both in presentation and volume of coverage. Materials on Bloc dwell on unfavorable aspects. For example, treating UN discussion Kuwait, station dwelt at length on frequency Soviet veto and its effect of blocking UN action. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

2. Radio Moscow/NVI: RM intensified attacks on "Iranian ruling class," saying even PriMin Amini admits moral crisis more serious than economic crisis; added only immoral persons could support unjust consortium agreement, participation in aggressive Blocs, and attachment of nation's

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destiny to Western Imperialists. Oil income, and \$1 billion given Iran by US, have been embezzled by US advisors, thousands of foreign companies, and by Iranian lackeys of imperialists. Now Mr Amini has asked US Amb Holmes for \$400 million loan and West German Amb for DM 200 million credit; but if \$1 million brought bankruptcy, new loans will not cure the people's ills.

NVI continued usual call for destruction "Coup Regime," return of Mosadeq's "legal" govt. Demanded dismissal of Ardesir Zahedi as Iranian Amb to U.S. Said he has long record of "disgraces" extending from childhood; has been incompetent Amb, but because of being U.S. spy and son-in-law of Shah may become PRIMIN in future. His latest action is cancellation passports of Iranian students in U.S., whose only fault was freedom of thought. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: RM attacks on govt tending become more direct, severe. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

III. MILITARY

A. Army

1. Min/War visit to U.S.: MinWar LtGen Naqdi was granted two-month leave of absence by Shah and plans visit U.S. during first week August. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: Naqdi's leave may be excuse to make way for new MinWar rumored to be LtGen Amir-Azizi, present Min Interior. (CONFIDENTIAL)

2. Mortar ammunition production: Reported initial manufacturing of mortar ammo at IIA ammunition factory delayed additional 45 days because lack of materials which had been reported to be on hand. What happened to materials unknown at this time. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: Result in delay probably will reduce volume total production mortar ammo projected balance this year from 30 million rounds to 10-15 million. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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B. Navy-negative.

C. Air Force.

1. Sidewinders for IIAF: Sidewinders arrived Bushehr July 13 for subsequent delivery to Vahdaht Air Base. (SECRET)

Comment: Sidewinder combined with F86F substantially upgrades air-to-air capability of IIAF. (SECRET)

2. Iranian aeroclub accident: On July 9 an Iranian aeroclub British Austin crashed at outskirts of Tehran. American Oil Company employee and IIAF Captain (Flt Comdr of 4th Transport Group) were killed. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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1. Political

A. Internal: 1. Govt suppresses national front demonstration: FN plans for mass meeting July 21 disrupted by vigorous Govt action. Tehran police placed on double strength; Gendarmes, military police, infantry, armor, and paratroop units also deployed in case of need. Top NF leadership arrested evening July 20, following police break up of ceremony at graves of those killed Prevskd Mosadeq's restoration in 1952 as PriMin. Following day effective, well-disciplined police units dispersed numerous small groups attempting converge on Jalalieh Stadium. Many clashes occurred but no deaths or serious injuries reported. Total of approximately 400-500 arrested, many of whom freed immediately, all but very few of remainder reportedly to be released in near future. Amini delivered nationwide radio speech July 24 justifying govt's strong measures as legitimate restriction of freedom and castigating NF for being unwitting or unwitting tool of Tudeh. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: Govt's severe security precautions, while effectively frustrating NF plans, led to charges of unnecessary repression and to innuendoes that PriMin had caed* in to Shah. Amini himself, however, in conversation with our Amb was jubilant over what he considered successful outcome of action against NF, which he said he had conceived and persuaded Shah to accept. (CONFIDENTIAL)

2. Govt changes views on land reform: PriMin delivered speech July 19 before group of Iranian landlords which substantially modified Govt's previous position on land reform. Amini stressed importance land reform carried out by landlords themselves as distinct from Govt spokesman Arsanjani's emphasis land distribution and replacement of landlords with agricultural cooperatives. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY).

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Comment: Whereas Arsanjani has only his political reputation to think about, Amini must worry about Govt's solvency and is under pressure to expand internal revenues from agriculture rather than let them shrink under disrupting influence land reform. (CONFIDENTIAL)

B. External

1. Iran-USSR: Amini told our Amb July 25 that from evidence at hand there no doubt Communists both inside and outside Iran were involved in NF demonstration. Said strong note of protest re unfriendly Soviet broadcasting to Iran should be delivered to Sov Amb Pegov July 26. FonMin had previously called Pegov in to deliver oral protest, noting particularly that Sov Mil Att Kouzmenko and other members Sov Emb were reportedly seen and photographed moving among demonstrators July 21. Widely reported in press that Govt would declare Kouzmenko Png. FonMin, however, told Emb that while Govt had seriously contemplated such action, strong enough case could not be made. (CONFIDENTIAL)

II. Psychological

A. Press

1. Berlin: Though still front page story, little comment. Post Tehran noted crux of Soviet worry is that if Soviet Forces withdraw from E. Germany, regime would soon fall, probably followed by Poland. Peyqam Emruz hoped young U.S. leader would abide by peaceful principles and make no imprudent decisions. (UNCLASSIFIED)

2. July 21 demonstrations: Voluminous comment, sighs of relief. Few papers noted role of security forces in preventing meeting; most praised Iranian public for "mature restraint" and awareness foreign intriguing. Great outraged cry against Soviet interference, most citing Moscow radio, NVL as proof. Eteleat said failure July 21 demonstration proved Khrushchev statement to Lippman on coming Iranian revolt was wrong; demanded Govt protest to UN re Soviet interference. Jahan, aggrieved at police beatings of youths, condemned Govt approach, saying unnecessary amount military force used; said clashes between police and populace precisely what "aliens" want. Eradeye Azerbaijan also thought Govt precautions much ado about nothing, succeed only exaggerate public conception of power govt opponents. (UNCLASSIFIED).

Comment: Virtual unanimous support of Govt reminiscent of controlled press under Eqbal, suggests papers took seriously Amini warning press freedom dependent on DA IN 135727 (29 JUL 61)

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restraint. Kayhan tactically admitted this, saying it willing risk suppression if cause great enough, otherwise preferred stay in business. (OUO)

3. Amini: Most papers continue support for Amini, though often qualified. Several note obstacles to success posed by conservative, power-holding elite, with some references hazily phrased so that they could include Royal Family. (UNCLASS)

B. Radio

1. Radio Moscow/NVI: RM said July 21 incidents show ever-increasing gap between ruling authorities and people. Govt arrested hundreds, sent tanks to Jalalieh, all of which indicates weakness, not power. Americans are main supporters of traitorous, anti-national regime of Iran, which now destroying remaining freedoms; Aramesh, arrested without trial by Amini for advocating nationalism, described US imperialist tactics as "make bankrupt, grant loans, and rule," a phrase now quoted everywhere. Unlike Tunisian Govt, which following people's wishes in resisting France, Amini Govt fighting Iranian people, defending foreign imperialists. Morrison-Knudsen Co, despite failure in Afghanistan, bribed Iranian officials to award it contract; no wonder Amini confesses that corruption wastes much of budget. NVI on eve of July 21 demonstration urged Army officers, soldiers to disobey orders of Shah and Amini to "open fire on your brothers and sisters" who planned demonstration "to strengthen independence" Iran; contended Amini Govt received no vote of confidence from any lawful authority, he and Shah follow orders from US, British Embassies. Following day claimed demonstration successful although said several peaceful demonstrators killed, over 100 beaten, arrested; since this partial gathering of Nationalists was able resist most of available "coup regime" forces, if Nationalists unite, they will win. Attached Amini speech of July 24 (see item 1.A.1) as attempt to alter meaning of "freedom" to accommodate Govt; said Amini, on instructions US, British Embassies, mouthed 100-year old imperialist theory that freedom not good for backward countries. Amini just like Eqbal, other "coup regime" premiers, except hides self in Demagogue's clothing. But on July 21 Amini removed vest, showed that Shah need not hide "the snake named Bakhtiar" up his sleeve, for Amini did all that Bakhtiar could have done. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Comment: Increasing intensity, directness of current RM attacks justify Iran Govt's concern. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

III. Military

A. Army

1. IIA armored units: 111th and 112th A/C Bn and 111th Tank Bn, recently deployed to various areas Tehran as security measure during July 21 demonstrations, have returned to Garrison area. (UNCLASSIFIED)

2. Min/War: Lt Gen Naqdi departed for U.S. July 26 reportedly for medical reasons. (UNCLASS)

3. Retirements: Reported retirements are Maj Gen Tahepur, Dep J-2; Brig Gens Hamasi, Div 2 J-2; Charkhosht, Chief Tribal affairs, J-2; Taheri (AF) G-2, Ground Forces. Maj Gen Surena, Dep J-2, and Brig Gen Arbab also considered for retirement. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: With exception of Taheri, who is being retired for cause, retirements probably routine.
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Correction: Correct comment of para 3A(2), WEEKA 28, reference mortar ammunition to read thousands of rounds instead of millions.

B. Navy- negative;

C. Air Force- negative

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1. Political
A. Internal
1. Student delegation meets with PriMin: Group of national front-affiliated students demonstrated July 27 at Tehran University against arrest of NF leaders, later sent delegation to PriMin to protest his "repressive" actions. These included: "illegal" arrests, occupation of university by security forces, and Iran Gov's purported policy of equating nationalism with Communism. Delegation asked Amini to debate issues with NF leaders, which he reportedly promised to do. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

2. Sulzberger's article on Iran: N.Y. Times article by Cyrus Sulzberger, which implied Majlis elections might be postponed five years. Provoked critical comment. Both privately and press coming hard upon radio broadcast of July 24 (WEEKA 30) in which Amini said he would personally "define limits of freedom," article to many confirmed radical shift from early revolutionary days of Amini Govt to period of greater repression and control. Also considerable indignation that such important news should come by way of foreign reporter. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

Comment: Article made it clear that Sulzberger, not Amini, raised question of five-year period as being possibly necessary to achieve internal stability, at which PriMin presumably looked inscrutable. Amini's political critics have, however, muddied the issue and demanded that he repudiate article. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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3. 1340 Budget: Cabinet completed review 1340 Budget on July 29, settled on figures still showing deficit 2.8 billion rials (\$37.3 million); budget includes about 1 billion rials internal and foreign debt repayment. Min War budget uncut, but Gendarmerie cut 328 million rials. PriMin reports this final budget, but decree not yet issued. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: PriMin reports strenuous effort made to cut further to meet debt retirement goal of stabilization program, but this best that could be done without neglecting priority requirements, risking excessive unemployment through stoppage govt construction. (CONFIDENTIAL)

4. Iranian Aid Missions: At end July Iranian missions were in Washington (headed by Farmanfarmaian, PriMin's special rep for International Financial Affairs) and in Bonn (headed by Farivar, Min Mines and Industries) seeking financial assistance Second Plan and NIOC Projects. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: Financing gap Second Plan estimated by GOI at \$64 million, but Emb/USOM estimate major elements plan could be completed with \$40-50 million, assuming some plan org stretchouts and contractual debt. Bonn delegation seeking \$15 million for on going NIOC Projects, \$30 million for Second Plan Projects and financing several new NIOC Projects. (CONFIDENTIAL)

5. New DLF Road Loan Signed: Cabinet this week passed decree approving new \$12 million DLF Road Loan. This brings total DLF Road Loans to \$63.2 million. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

Comment: Planned that \$5-million of latest loan will be deposited Special Road Loan Account Central Bank, bringing total these advances since early July to \$29.3 million. Advances Road Loan funds have eased plan org financial strain, augmented available foreign exchange reserves. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

B. External

1. Iran-USSR: For Off has informed Embassy agreement has been asked but not yet received for Ali Qoli Ardalan as Iranian Ambassador USSR. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

II. Psychological

A. Press

1. Berlin: Principal story of week with banner headlines; Kennedy speech widely reported. Comment, however, light, consisting mostly expressions fear of impending disaster, some support U.S. firm stand, hope big nations will act wisely. Kayhan took comfort in "fact" Britain, France indifferent to fate of Berlin, therefore can think coolly, perhaps bring about summit meeting rather than war. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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2. Battle of Bizerte: Only smaller papers comment, unanimously championing Tunisia's struggle against big imperialist power. Peyygam Emruz perturbed that West will fight over Berlin, but is indifferent to freedom in Africa, "as if East should be slave and West master forever." Post Tehran alone in noting disastrous effects on Tunisian economy which could come from unconditional French withdrawal, including cessation grant aid. (UNCLASSIFIED)

3. Nicosia Conference: Considerable news coverage and comment, though latter largely aimless, expressing hope meeting will result in better relations with NE, with US giving it greater importance. (UNCLASSIFIED)

4. Amini Government: Papers still nearly unanimous in support, though calling for action, expressing skepticism Etelaat assumed role of apologist, saying that since "it now clear extreme measures and revolutionary reforms are not compatible with people's wishes... Amini's Govt has now given up its initial harshness and is substituting policy of mild reform... of fewer words and more action." (UNCLASSIFIED)

5. Constitution Day: Advent Aug. 5 anniversary, coupled with dissolution Majlis and Govt's "unconstitutional" delay in elections, stirred up some queries whether celebration appropriate. Kayhan averred elections-Majlis question irrelevant as Iran had only mock democracy even when parliament in existence; day should be one of mourning, not celebration, since democracy in Iran long since dead. (UNCLASSIFIED)

6. Soviet Propaganda: Abundant reportage and comment on Govt protest to Soviet Ambassador over interference of USSR in Iranian internal affairs, specifically via hostile radio broadcasts. Usual theme repeated that Iran desires friendly relations, but initiative rests with Soviets. Etelaat demanded issue be taken to UN. (UNCLASSIFIED)

B. Radio

1. Radio-Iran: Recent increasingly harsh anti-Soviet Radio-Iran broadcasts apparently noted by certain papers, which interpreted them as "decision" by Govt to resume propaganda war. Radio-Iran did in fact this week carry news broadcasts most of which were 100 percent Pro-West or anti-Soviet in slant. Aug 1 commentary on new Communist Party program constitutes first direct response on part of Iranians to Communist propaganda for nearly year. Broadcast said

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CP program proves only that promises made 43 years ago have yet to be fulfilled; quoted N.Y. Times to effect program's thousands of words amounted to brief phrase: "We will bury freedom." (UNCLASSIFIED)

2. Radio Moscow/NVI: RM still attacking Amini Govt said it now customary for any new govt in Iran to promise reforms, then forget promises. Big landowner Amini like the others; treasury will as empty as when he took office, peasant farmers in revolt as they realize Amini really supports landlords, while thieves continue corruption following Amini arrest of few second-class embezzlers. And although Iranian people demand neutralist foreign policy, Amini Govt, Shah and Entourage listen not to people but to the dollar.

NVI continued blasts at CENTO, bilateral military agreement; continued deplore govt interference at July 21 demonstrations. Commemorated anniversary of death of Reza Shah by discussing he "murderous" police, saying he changed govt system into organization of thieves. Made lengthy reply to Iran Govt attack on foreign broadcasts, scoffing at claims that NVI located outside Iran and foreign broadcasts provoke people's struggles from abroad. Said actually foreigners' servants are Shah (who came to power by hand of Schwartzkopf and Henderson) and Amini, who received \$5 million bribe to sell Iran; said people lead own struggles, as when they installed Mosadeq and nationalized oil industry, at time when there were no so-called foreign broadcasts. Also noted Amb Holmes, Gen Hayden in Cyprus for meeting; surmised this indicates greater US support for Amini, increased armaments for Iran.

III. Military

A. Army

1. Gen Kemal visits Israel: Lt Gen Kemal, J-2, SCS, departed for Israel 31 July for 10 day orientation tour. Plans visit Europe following Israel visit. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

2. IIA QM General relieved: Maj Gen Partovi reportedly relieved as Quartermaster General, replaced by Brig Gen Gohari, formerly G-5, ground forces. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: Rumors persist Partovi's relief because of fund misappropriation. (CONFIDENTIAL)

B. Navy - Negative

C. Air Force - Negative

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1. Political

A. Internal

1. Election statements: Pressure for elections became stronger and better organized during past week. In "congratulatory" Constitution Day telegram to Shah, former Majlis Speaker Hekmat and Tabatabai joined with Tehran religious leader Behbehani in urging new elections and reminding Shah that Constitution may not be suspended in whole or part. Joined following day by Pres of dissolved Senate Sadr who quoted in Kayhan as saying "Democracy has no meaning without parliament."

Shah and PriMin in nationally broadcast speeches Aug 5 both stressed limitations on freedom and need for discipline. Said that despite defects of present law, Majlis elections will be held under conditions ensuring their fairness. (U)

Comment: Govt, while under pressure to grapple with election issue, runs risk of raising hopes not only for cleaner elections than are possible but for elections sooner than are possible (OFLUSE)

2. Change in key banking posts: On Aug 7 Ebrahim Kashani replaced as Gov Central Bank by Dr Ali-Asqar Puroahomayun, former Min for ECON affairs; Ahmad Majidian replaced as Pres Bank Melli (Govt Commercial Bank) by Dr Yusef Khoshkish, formerly Vice Pres Bank Sepah (military bank).

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Comment: Kashani and, to a lesser extent, Majidian

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have been under heavy pressure from commercial community to relax stabilization policies. Changes, however, may not present significant alteration credit policies: Pur-Homayun, although long an advocate in cabinet of relaxation credit restraints, has since new appointment given IMF representative resounding statement in support new stabilization program; PriMin has assured Reza Moqadam, dep gov Central Bank, that move, despite appearances, was not a sellout to Bazaar setting stage for inflationary expansion bank credit, persuaded Moqadam to withdraw resignation and stay on to police stabilization. Pur-Homayun and Amini will, however, quickly come under bazaar attack if they do not provide credit facilities expected by merchants.

3. IMF drawing rights restored: IMF Board accepted new GOI stabilization proposal (WEEKA 27), restored Iran's drawing rights under standby credit. \$20 million remains to be drawn, of which \$7.5 million may be drawn before Sep 21, remainder in monthly drawings \$2.5 million, total to be drawn before Mar 21, 62. (U)

Comment: No immediate plans for drawing because exchange reserves now high following Jul 15 payment (WEEKA 29) recent US emergency financing assistance (WEEKA 24). Shortages, however may develop before next oil payment, Oct 15. Iran's performance on stabilization program, and hence ability to draw full standby credit, will depend on what means are found to handle large prospective budget deficit. (WEEKA 31). (OFLUSE)

2. Psychological

A. Press

1. Berlin: Though this still a top front page story, very little comment. Kyan editorialized at length on political philosophies Kennedy, Khrushchev, concluded neither wanted war and therefore war would not come. Azhang said most dangerous weapon present war was two men's tongues; peace possible if both keep quiet. (U)

2. Soviet space man: Story banner-headlined, but so far no editorial comment. Reportage included wire service stories of foreign comment, mostly US, that new Soviet feat demonstrated US far behind in space race. See radio below. (U)

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3. Amini Govt: Though most comment still tolerant, clamor for action increasing. Several papers critical of Amini's implication only limited democracy possible in Iran. Kayan branded as nonsense Amini's Constitution Day (Aug 5) statement that 55 years was too short a period for democracy to have grown in Iran; said that "With dedicated and determined leadership it is possible to raise country from ... misery to.... prosperity in much less than 55 years." (U)

4. Iran-Soviet relations: Only three small papers editorialized on Soviet firing on Iranian plane. A few still belaboring radio Mosco for interference Iranian internal affairs. Post Tehran averred RM Commentators should attend own affairs first, cited statistics "proving" standard of living of Soviet worker is far below that in Iran. (U)

Comment: Year ago papers frequently printed derogatory materials on life in USSR: Only in last two weeks have a very few direct attacks been noted again. (U)

B. Radio

1. Radio-Iran: Pro-West trend continued, with one newspaper commenting it had reached point "That radio announced unimportant US news before important events elsewhere". Reportage on Soviet spacemen was cold, unimpressed, quoted western sources which doubted Titov controlled ship; cited NYT as noting Soviet govt spending billions on space, armaments research, rather than on raising still low living standards. (U)

2. Radio Moscow/NVI: RM emphasized Khrushchev's TV speech on Berlin, Soviet astronaut, new 20-year plan. Iranian coverage returned to theme that popular unrest, economic crisis owing ruling class's contravening people's wishes by continuing to allow foreign monopolists control economy, permit foreign-made goods close down home industries, participate in militaristic agreements with West.

NVI extensively discussed Constitution and Constitution Day tracing history of people's struggles against despotic Shahs and their Tsarist and British allies; called on people to emulate forefathers, rise in armed revolution against Shah, whose brutality, infringement of Constitution have "outdone infamous Mohamad Li Mirza a hundred times."

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PriMin Amini, for exploiting oil workers. Long overdue daily wage increase held to 125 rials, instead of equitable wage 250-300 rials; in Kuwait workers get 300 rials, while American workers get 600. (U)

Comment: RM reception very poor, but content appeared show some slackening of direct attacks upon Shah, Amini in favor of former, less-specific, favorite target, "ruling class." (U)

3. Military

A. Army

1. Assignment: Brig Gen Ali Beiqdeli, former Chief CIC, J-2, SCS, replaced Brig Gen Saleh Taheri (WEEKA 30) as G-2 ground forces. (U)

B. Navy - negative

C. Air Force

1. Soviet attack on Iranair DC-4: Iranair cargo DC-4, lost in weather on flight Beirut-Tehran Aug 4, was fired upon and damaged by unseen fighter acft, presumably Soviet. American civilian pilot and Iranian crew crash-landed on Iran Caspian Coast without injury, but with major damage to craft. Iranair and DGCA investigating. (C)

Comments: USAIRA investigation indicates no deliberate Soviet action to lure acft into USSR, straying off course apparently result of poor navigation and radio-aid reception. Iranair's cargo schedule to Europe will be crippled until additional acft is obtained thru lease or purchase. Iranair hopes for GOI protest to Moscow, but seriously doubts such protest will be forthcoming. (CONFIDENTIAL).

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SGD HOLMES

I. Political

A. Internal

1. 28th Mordad anniversary demonstration: Govt
plans now well underway for mass demonstrations August 19
to celebrate anniversary overthrow Mosadegh. PriMin told
Amb he plans make demonstration expression of loyalty to
monarchy in order counteract Soviet propaganda attacks
against Shah. Shah, in view "thousands of messages urging
him appear," has agreed attend celebration at Doshan Tepe
Airfield east of Tehran. Press estimates turnout of over
300,000. Amini and Chief National Police have no fears on
security grounds, although Chief Savak reportedly has re-
servations this score. Extensive security precautions have
been made. Little indication so far any national front
counter-move. (CONFIDENTIAL)

2. Anti-corruption trials: Amini told Amb August
13 that Govt confident it can prosecute successful cases
against Generals Navisi and Kia and that trial of former
would begin within week. Said Shah somewhat reluctant to
see trials proceed but had not expressed outright opposi-
tion. (CONFIDENTIAL)

3. Saleh attacks recent loans: Alayar Saleh in un-
published press statement August 9 emphatically denied in
national front's name the validity of all foreign debts con-
tracted by the Amini Govt on grounds that constitution
requested Majlis approval for such loans. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: While attack clearly has appeal to in-

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ternal dissident elements, its main purpose was probably to undermine Amini Govt by frightening off potential Western lenders. Saleh's implication that NF Govt would repudiate loans to Amini Govt is probably bluff since moderate NF leadership, if it ever assumed power, would have to ratify Amini debts in order maintain credit-worthiness outside Soviet Bloc. (CONF)

4. Aid developments: Incomplete reports from Iranian aid delegations in Washington and Bonn (Weeka 31) have encouraged GOI to believe adequate financing will be forthcoming to complete second plan. Washington delegation reported to GOI that US is supporting aid request to Germany, hopes provide firm indication US aid level after learning amount Germans prepared to give and after passage aid legislation Bonn Del's report indicates Germans prepared provide \$50 million on flexible terms. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: Although not alluded to in reports from Bonn Delegation, there is disturbing rumor here that Germans are demanding Majlis ratification for loans; this could nullify possibilities actual German financing assistance (CONFIDENTIAL)

II. Psychological

A. Press

1. Berlin: Top story of week with banner headlines, though comment scanty. Kayhan deduced that refugee situation proves Communism is bad system, that therefore we should not need worry since no people would bring oppressive system upon itself; if Communism has spread, it is fault of "so-called free world" itself; colonialists who sucked life blood of East are today unwilling let East be free, set up puppet govts with American assistance. Communism prospers not because it good but because oppressed peoples find no other way of escape. Peyqam Emruz complained US adding fuel to fire world wants quenched. Setareh Tehran contrasted peaceful co-existence talk with Soviet tanks Berlin; Farman predicted no war since Communists have already lost in Berlin. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Kayhan now probably largest circulation daily. Its tortuous reasoning above probably means: "Americans are driving Iran to Communism by supporting Shah and his puppets." (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

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2. Bowles visit: Peyqam Emruz said Bowles came East only to gain support for US Berlin policy, ignoring fact most people never heard of Berlin, really interested only their own hunger; but Bowles not interested common people. (UNCLAS)

Comment: This probably mostly pique. Feelings of some opinion leaders Tehran hurt by fact plane merely touched down for refueling, and Bowles declined press interviews. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

3. Titov orbital flight: Story continued receive publicity, followed by numerous feature stories with photos. Comment, however, very light. US-Batting Donyisyase Jadid said it unrealistic not to admit US now three-four years behind USSR and what's more will stay there. (UNCLASSIFIED)

4. Amini Govt--Elections: Most papers commenting still inclined favor Amini, though much clamor for end to suspension of constitution through failure hold elections; line is that reasonably fair elections possible now, law can be amended by new Majlis. Jahan, however, in article which caused its suspension for three days, said Amini had not dared put finger on nub of problem which was simply that the list of deputies who would be permitted to be elected was drafted by govt and approved by Shah; faults of electoral law are secondary issue. Kayhan next day made same point without mentioning Shah. Khandaniha chided govt for ambiguous fence-sitting policy, saying if it is to be revolutionary, should push forward resolutely, as it impossible combine observance of law and revolutionary reforms. (UNCLAS)

B. Radio

1. Radio Moscow/NVI: RM renewed attacks on Amini, saying his just like other so-called "Imperial" govts, installed to protect only interests of ruling class which usurped power with imperialists' help on 28th Mordad; in three months conditions here worsened, reforms not materialized, govt getting deeper involved in Western alliances, while police, gendarmerie, Savak expenses increasing. Aid Amini made numerous promises to US oil and military men in return for helping him become Primin; now he fulfilling promises to detriment Iranian people. Unlike past weeks, no direct mention of Shah. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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NVI continued call for bloody revolution "from below," overthrow of Pahlavi Court, the "center of Imperialist plots." Said Royal Court preparing celebrate 28th Mordad, when Imperialists overthrew Nationalist Govt, returned puppet Shah from Rome. But Pahlavi dynasty "treason" began long before, when Imperialists and oil companies made Reza Shah and son dictators in order conveniently concentrate power in hands of puppets; said Amini, too, has long worked for Imperialists. Criticized Amini's continued failure to conduct elections as promised; said Embassy, Shah, Amini, prefer there be no Majlis since even hand-picked 20th Majlis could not docilely stomach US rule of Iran. Also ridiculed MinAgriculture Arsanjani, suggested he resign now that promises proven empty; said it now popular to call anyone who blunders "an Arsanjani." (UNCLASSIFIED)

III. Military

- A. Army-negative
- B. Navy-negative
- C. Air Force

1. Investigation of DC-4 crash: Investigating committee composed of members Iranian Dept Civil Aviation and FAA are conducting hearings to determine cause of accident involving Iranair DC-4 on August 4 (W 31). GOI has not as yet protested incident nor openly confirmed attack on DC-4. (CONF) Comment: Personal inspection and photography of damaged engine leaves no doubt that it was struck by explosive projectile and that fire ensued. (CONFIDENTIAL)

2. Merger Iranair/PAS: Press reports Iranair and Persian Air Service intend merge and will be known hereafter as United Iranian Airlines. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: No steps relating to maintenance or operations have been taken by either company, and merger presently appears be only on paper. Business as usual prevails on both lines. (UNCLAS)

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I. Political

A. Internal

1. Shah's 28th Mordad Speech: Govt-sponsored demonstration August 19 celebrating 8th anniversary overthrow of Mosadeq was from Shah's standpoint major success. Around 200,000 people, mostly working class, enthusiastically cheered fiery speech of Shah, which attacked Communism, neutralism, and National Front. Shah visibly elated by reception. (CONFIDENTIAL).

Comment: Mass turnout likely to increase confidence of Shah in his own popularity and Amini in viability of govt, despite absence representatives important middle class. (CONF).

2. Amini statement on economy: PriMin Amini devoted hour-long TV interview Aug 21 to econ topics, made following points:

(1) To alleviate unemployment, govt will lift taxes on small plots, help finance low-income housing projects, launch rural feeder road program;

(2) Budget deficit will continue so long as econ crisis at hand and customs revenues low;

(3) Stabilization program will be vigorously pursued, with hope pressure on foreign exchange will be eased in six months.

(4) Steel plant not feasible now, giant showpiece projects have been undoing many underdeveloped countries;

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(5) Iran should work toward establishment "Asian common market." (UNCLASSIFIED).

Comment: Promise do something concrete relieve unemployment reflects Amini's awareness political desirability taking some popular measures meet current recession while at same time continuing support stabilization program. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY).

3. Refutation of Tass CENTO Attack: FonMin Qods-Nakhai at press conference August 20 denied Tass story re CENTO plans for nuclear attack on Soviet Union, describing documents as "groundless and spurious." Said Iran would not permit use of her territory as base attack against another nation and had not and would not permit establishment bases described by Tass. Iran's sovereignty, he added, permitted it allow such bases even though Iran has no intention to do so. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY).

4. Talbot audience with Shah: Amb and Asst Sec Talbot had frank, cordial audience August 22 with Shah, who enthusiastically covered favorite subject of additional military requirements and modernization. Talbot stressed need to consider total national requirements, adding GOI and US would have to determine priorities which would result in maximum long-term benefit Iran. (CONF).

II. Psychological

A. Press

1. US Policy: Sobh Emruz, also US-baiting diplomat blasted US interference internal affairs Iran, elsewhere; latter joined by Peyqan Emruz in saying most effective battle against Communism arises from national will, not outside pressure. Some papers warned Talbot stay away from unrepresentative govt officials, get to meet people, study and understand Iranian Nationals. (UNCLASSIFIED).

2. Berlin: Still the top news story, but no significant comment. (UNCLASSIFIED).

3. Mordadic papers commented without exception, many noting how popular enthusiasm shown for Shah represented best reply to Soviet propaganda about Iran. A few applauded Shah's unusual firmness. No dissent, though Jahan struck glancing blow at Shah's glowing review

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accomplishments his regime, saying excei* for oil national
indecents of past 20 years "routine". (UNCLASSIFIED).

4. Amini Govt: Comment lightest yet. Some
attacks on do-nothing govt. Khandaniba warned that those
dreaming of dictatorship are enemies of nation, Kayhan
scored govt for taking no action against officials through-
out govt who trampled rights of people. (UNCLASSIFIED).

5. Soviet propaganda: Some small papers con-
tinued complaining about radio attacks, saying such
"nonsense" only increases people's determination to
resist. Two called Tass claims re CENTO documents false.
(UNCLASSIFIED).

B. Radio

1. Berlin: Radio Iran commentator said Nehru
hinted East German Berlin restrictions constitute kind
of aggression, added Nehru reflected opinion of neutral
countries. (UNCLASSIFIED).

2. Radio Moscow/NVI: RM said Tass's publication
TOP-SECRET CENTO plans reveals "defensive" bloc's real
purpose is preparation for atomic war against peaceful
countries. Although State Dept denied knowledge of
plans, U-2 incident shows worthlessness of such denials.
Iranian nation aware Russia has no hostile intentions,
but must understand Khrushchev's words that "any country
used as platform of attack against Socialist countries
must feel our crushing blow in its territory." Iran
can only protect its left by neutralist policy, like
that of Indonesia, Afghanistan, Iraq, UAR, Austria,
Finland.

NVI continued its history of Shah's "service to
foreign imperialists," tracing events of Razmara, ALA govt
prior to accession Mosadeq. Said US oilmen at first
favored oil nationalization in order oust rival British,
but realized Mosadeq true nationalist; Dulles then joined
Eden to reinstate their puppet Shah. Attacked wife of
National Police Chief Gen Nasiri as one of former "mid-
night guests" of Shah, obtained for him by his then Adjutant
and Procurer, Nasiri; said Shah ordered Nasiri to marry her

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so she could officially be part of Royal Court. Noted Shah's appearance for first time in 28th Mocdad ceremonies, observing that in past Shah as *** to appear with his "knifers" on this anniversary; this time he was there, but all noted he unable remain calm. Said Shah's speech dis-appointed supporters; his threatening nationalists revealed his fear of them. (UNCLASSIFIED).

III. Military.

A. Army-negative;

B. Navy

1. Kharg ceremony: On 19 August MajGen Hayden, Chief ARMISH-MAAG; RAdm Granthann Commander US Naval Forces, Middle East; and VAdm Rasai, CinC, IIN, officiated at ground-breaking ceremony at Kharg Island Naval facility. (UNCLAS).

2. Adm Ardalani dies: RAdm Ardalani IIN, Commander of IIN forces in the Persian Gulf, died from a brain tumor on 19 August. (UNCLASSIFIED).

Comment: CinC, IIN states that RAdm Fatemi likely be assigned to Persian Gulf Command. (CONFIDENTIAL).

C. Air Force-negative.

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core financing gap second plan about \$25 million even with German financing assistance (See item I, A, 4).

4. German aid agreement: Protocol signed Bonn Aug 16 provides West German financing assistance DM 200 million (\$50 million) for Iranian investment projects, of which DM 50 million for Sefid Rud Dam, DM 95 million for related irrigation network, and DM 55 million for current NIOC projects. Fed rep also prepared guarantee credits up to DM 350 million for supplies, services German firms participating in German-American consortium to construct major pipelines and Tehran refinery. (CONF)

Comment: Assistance substantial in volume, but complicated terms raise considerable problems. Plan org estimates that, owing work schedule, not more than \$18-\$20 million Sefid Rud Dam and network money can be used before Sept 1962 and thus be applied to financing gap second plan. Financing current NIOC projects made contingent on award pipeline, refinery projects to above mentioned consortium; also would require Iran make equivalent amount available as down payments those longer-range projects. Thus financing gap NIOC capital program this year remains unfilled, will probably add to govt deficit. (CONFIDENTIAL)

B. External

1. Iran plans Kuwanezr Jchddfk* Fonmin official confirmed press reports that Iran plans open embassy to be opened or who to be ambassador. (UNCLASSIFIED)

2. Ardalan agreement granted: Ali Qoli Ardalan granted agreement by Moscow as Iranian amb to USSR. (UNCLASS)

II Psychological

A. Press

1. Talbot: Both Tehran and provincial coverage extensive. Visit aroused emotional commentary subject of aid, following themes: Foreign loans must end; aid programs injure national pride; U.S. aid insufficient; U.S. aid ends up in pockets of corrupt politicians or in pockets U.S. firms; whole U.S. aid policy wrong in that directed against communism, does not respect nationalist sentiments. A few papers said talks unsatisfactory, hopes for aid lessened by visit. Kayhan said aid given weak country like Iran "disappears like water into desert", is given merely to keep country alive to be exploited. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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2. Berlin: Still top news story by big margin, but no significant comment.

3. Neutrality: Anniversary 1941 allied occupation Iran evoked abundant bitter comment on economic chaos which resulted, some saying Iran still suffering effects despite heroic efforts Shah. Several papers, including Ettelaat, noted occupation called into question whole concept of neutrality; since in war nobody respects neutrality, better to be aligned with powerful allies. Ettelaat argued defence pacts serve maintain balance of power, thus actually prevent wars. (UNCLASSIFIED)

4. CENTO: Heavy comment branded Soviet "death zone" claims pure lies, Ettelaat, Kayhan noting this just means of diverting attention from Berlin. Even anti-CENTO Jahan warned USSR such tactics only unite Iranians against attacker. (UNCLAS)

5. 28 Mordad: Some favorable comment continued re Shah's speech, Ettelaat noting "historic speech" was something "novel", as Shah had never before spoken with "such firmness of tone....unequivocal language"; said as result people's reaction, Shah "felt greatly elated". Called on govt display same firmness in reforms. (UNCLASSIFIED)

6. Amini: Medium comment small papers evenly split between claims govt has done nothing and that govt has done well, but needs more time. (UNCLASSIFIED.)

B. Radio

1. Radio Moscow/NVI: RM devoted week to plugging Tass line re "secret CENTO documents". As usual, concluded withdrawal from CENTO and bilateral agreement and establish friendly relations with USSR answer to all Iran's ills. Also quoted Khrushchev reply to Amini's congratulations on second Soviet astronaut, thanking Amini and assuring him Russian successes in space research will strengthen world peace. (UNCLAS)

NVI also stressed CENTO - documents line, accusing Shah of agreeing to atomic destruction northern Iran in order keep country under control of foreigners; indicated this shown by his statement in recent speech, "We will safeguard country from aggression by any available means." Reported Asst Sec State Talbot met with Min FON AFF to discuss the secret documents; said U.S. authorities seeking those who leaked them to Tass.

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Scoffed at Arsanjani interview statement that land reform postponed due to technical difficulties. (Such statement, if made, not reported in Tehran press.) Said Amini swore on mother's grave not to separate from landowners society, he being of that class himself. (UNCLASSIFIED)

III Military

A. Army

1. Retirements: Council of Ministers reportedly approved decree for forthcoming retirements which will affect 34 general officers with over 30 years of service. Names unknown at this time. New retirements and promotions expected to be announced about 20 September. (CONF)

B. Navy-negative.

C. Air Force-negative.

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I. POLITICAL

A. INTERNAL

1. PRIMIN'S MOVES TO QUIET STUDENTS: AS SEPT 23 OPENING DATE OF UNIVERSITY APPROACHED, AMINI MOVED ON SEVERAL FRONTS TO UNDERCUT ANTICIPATED ATTACKS OF RETURNING STUDENTS. IN MEETINGS WITH PRESS, NATIONAL FRONT LEADERSHIP, AND STUDENTS AND PROFESSORS, PRIMIN THREATENED STRICT GOVT CONTROL OF POLITICAL ACTIVITIES ON CAMPUS WHILE SOLICITING NF'S AID IN SOLVING COUNTRY'S PROBLEMS. BY SEPT 13 HE HAD ELIMINATED POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS ISSUE BY

RELEASING NF LEADERS AND STUDENTS DETAINED IN JAIL SINCE JULY 21 DEMONSTRATIONS; LEADERS INCLUDED DR. SHAPUR BAKHTIAR, DR. MOHAMAD ALI KHONJI, DR. SAED FATEMI, AND KARIM ABADI, ALL MEMBERS OF

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IN CONVERSATION WITH AMB SEPT 8, AMINI SAID RUSSIANS WERE DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO STIR UP TROUBLE AMONG STUDENTS, AND PROBLEM OF POLITICAL ACTIVITY MIGHTM BECOME ARITICAL WHEN UNIVERSITY OPENED. ADDED THAT HE WAS PREPARED LISTEN TO COMPLAINTS OF STUDENTS AND PROFESSORS BUT NOT TO TOLERATE DISTURBANCE OF PUBLIC ORDER. (CONFIDENTIAL)

2. PROGRESS OF CORRUPTION TRIALS: PRIMIN TOLD AMB SEPT 8 THAT HE RECOGNIZED PUBLIC IMPATIENCE AND DISAPPOINTMENT THAT NO IMPORTANT CONVICTIONS HAD AS YET OCCURRED. EMPHATICALLY RESTATED INTENTION DRIVE AHEAD WITH PROGRAM, SAYING FIRST IMPORTANT TRIAL INVOLVING GENERAL NAVISI WOULD BEGIN WITHIN TEN DAYS. AMINI SAID NAVISI'S ILLNESS HAD CAUSED DELAY AND ADDED THAT WORK ON ALL CASES WAS GOING FORWARD AS FAST AS LEGAL PROCEDURES WOULD PERMIT. (CONFIDENTIAL)

3. RECENT ELECTION DEVELOPMENTS: GOVT SEPT 7 ANNOUNCED FORMATION OF ELECTION PRELIMINARIES COMMITTEE TO DRAFT REGULATIONS CONCERNING ADMINISTRATION OF ELECTIONS. REGULATIONS WILL SPECIFY PROCEDURAL STEPS NEEDED TO INSURE COMPLIANCE WITH ARTICLES 7, 9, AND 10 OF ELECTORAL LAW, ENUMERATING QUALIFICATIONS AND LIMITATIONS GOVERNING RIGHT TO VOTE. LATER IAYWZOK GOVT ANNOUNCED ABANDONMENT OF MUCH-DISCUSSED ELECTORAL CARDS SYSTEM, ALLEGEDLY OWING LEGAL TECHNICALITIES, AND SUBSTITUTION OF REGISTRATION BOOK, IN WHICH NAMES, JOBS AND TOTAL NUMBER OF VOTERS WOULD BE ENTERED PRIOR TO VOTING DATE. (EMB DESP 132) (CONFIDENTIAL)

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COMMENT: BACKING AND FILLING OF PAST WEEK CLEARLY INDICATES THAT AMINI IS UNDER PRESSURE AT LEAST TO TALK ABOUT ELECTIONS. MAIN PRESSURE IS PROBABLY THAT OF IMMINENT OPENING OF UNIVERSITY AND DESIRE TO DEPRIVE STUDENTS OF STRONG ISSUE. (CONFIDENTIAL)

4. BREACH OF STABILIZATION PROGRAM (WEEKA 32): BANK CREDIT TO PRIVATE SECTOR 21 AUGUST WAS 272 MILLION RIALS OVER STABILIZATION PROGRAM CEILING. PUBLIC SECTOR GROSS DEBT WAS STILL WITHIN CEILING. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

COMMENT: GOI HAD ALREADY APPLIED FOR DRAWING INITIAL \$7.5 MILLION OF IMF STANDBY CREDIT BEFORE NEW BREACH KNOWN. ELIGIBILITY TO DRAW REMAINING \$12.5 MILLION (SCHEDULED FOR 5 MONTHLY INSTALLMENTS) IN DOUBT, AS CREDIT DEMAND HIGH IN SPITE OF EFFORTS CENTRAL C LAST WORD LINE TEN TO READ ELECTIONS RPT ELECTIONS BANKING AUTHORITIES STEM INCREASE. (EMB A-51, EMB DESP 127).

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B. EXTERNAL

1. IRAN AND PAK-AFGHAN CONFLICT: AT INVITATION PRIMIN AMINI, AFGHAN PRIMIN DAUD STOPPED BRIEFLY IN TEHRAN ON RETURN FROM BELGRADE CONFERENCE, EXCHANGED VIEWS ON AFGHAN-PAK CRISIS. AMINI LATER TOLD OUR AMB HE HAD DONE UTMOST COUNSEL MODERATION AND WARN OF GRAVE DANGER IN EVENT OF RUSSIAN HELP TO AFGHANS IN ARMED CONFLICT WITH PAKS. REMINDED DAUD OF IRAN'S CENTO ALLIANCE WITH PAKISTAN AND EMPHASIZED PERIL TO ENTIRE REGION OF SOV INVOLVEMENT IF SERIOUS FIGHTING DEVELOPED (CONFIDENTIAL).

IN PRESS INTERVIEW SEPT 12, AMINI SAID HE HAD EXTENDED SOME

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ADVICE TO PRIMIN DAUD AND GIVEN SIMILAR OPPORTUNITY WOULDGIVE SAME ADVICE TO PRES AYUB KHAN; ASSERTED IRAN LIVES IN
FRIENDSHIP WITH BOTH NATIONS AND TERMED COMPLETE NONSENSE
SOV ALLEGATIONS THAT PAKISTAN AND IRAN HAD PLANS FOR PARTITIONING
AFGHANISTAN BETWEEN THEM. (UNCLASSIFIED)2. IRAN-USSR: SOV AMB PEGOV MET WITH PRIMIN SEPT 8
TO DISCUSS BAGHDAD PACT DOCUMENTS WHICH HE CLAIMED HELD PROOF THAT
IRAN, U.S., OTHER CENTO POWERS HAD PLANS ATTACK USSR. SAID USSR
CFN (EMB A-51, EMB DESP 127) 1 12 2 8SERIOUSLY CONCERNED BY IRAN'S REVEALED ROLE AND INDIRECTLY
THREATENED STRONG ACTION UNLESS IRAN WITHDREW FROM CENTO.PRIMIN TOLD OUR AMB HE HAD REPLIED IN STRONG TERMS, TELLING
PEGOV IRAN WAS NOT GOING TO BE FRIGHTENED INTO CUTTING TIES
WITH FRIENDS, THAT USSR WAS ALWAYS PROFESSING DESIRE FOR BETTER
RELATIONS BUT BY REASON OF RADIO ATTACKS AND CONSTANT INTER-
FERENCE IN IRANIAN DOMESTIC AFFAIRS WAS MAKING SUCH IMPROVEMENT
IMPOSSIBLE. ALSO TOLD PEGOV IRAN REMAINED READY IMPROVE RELATIONS
AND DISCUSS SUCH MATTERS AS CULTURAL AGREEMENT AND INCREASED TRADE
BUT DESIRED HE BE CERTAIN USSR WOULD NOT SUCCEED IN FRIGHTENING
IRAN WHICH WAS AN INDEPENDENT NATION AND WOULD KEEP ON ACTING
AS SUCH.UPI STRINGER LATER TOLD EMB AND PRIMIN HE WAS INFORMED BY
SOV OFFICIALS THAT IRAN SHOULD NOT TAKE SOV CONCERN OVER BP
DOCUMENTS SO LIGHTLY AND THAT UNLESS IRAN WITHDREW FROM CENTO,

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USSR WOULD OCCUPY IRAN TO REMOVE THREAT. OFFICIALS REPORTEDLY
ADDED THAT AMERICANS WHO WOULD NOT FIGHT FOR BERLIN, WOULD
CERTAINLY NOT INTERVENE HERE. (CONFIDENTIAL)
SAME CORRESPONDENT REPORTED IN SEPT 11 PRESS THAT USSR
HAD WARNED IRAN IT FACED NUCLEAR DESTRUCTION IN NOT TOO DISTANT

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GOVT OFFICIALS" SAID THIS THREAT WAS RECENTLY MADE TO FONMIN BY SOV AMB. FOLLOWING DAY PRIMIN TOLD PRESS NO THREATS HAD YET BEEN MADE BY ANY OFFICIAL SOVIET SOURCE, "BUT THAT IF ANY SHOULD BE MADE, WE WILL COUNTERACT THEM." (UNCLASSIFIED)

II. PSYCHOLOGICAL

A. PRESS

1. NUCLEAR TESTS: SPATE OF COMMENT BITTERLY CRITICAL SOVIET DECISION CONTINUED, SEVERAL PAPERS NOTING TERROR TACTICS DESIGNED PRESSURE ALLIES INTO GIVING IN ON BERLIN. ON AMERICAN DECISION RESUME, LITTLE SIGNIFICANT COMMENT. ONE PAPER SAID U.S. MAKING "GROSS MISTAKE," SINCE ANY TESTS AGAINST WORLD OPINION. ONLY PAPER POINTING OUT DIFFERENCE BETWEEN U.S. AND SOVIET TESTS WAS TRADITIONALLY ANTI-SOVIET FARMAN. OTHERS, NO SIGNIFICANT COMMENT.

COMMENT: LARGELY EMOTIONAL REACTION, WITH LITTLE UNDERSTANDING TECHNICALITIES U.S. POSITION, NEVERTHELESS REDOUNDING TO U.S. ADVANTAGE. (UNCLASSIFIED)

2. CENTO: ALLEGATIONS IZVESTIYA RE IRAN-PAKISTAN
PARTITION OF GHANISTAN UNDER CENTO PLANS LUMPED WITH TAUZ CLAIMS ON "DEATH ZONE" AS RIDICULOUS. TINY KUSHESH POINTED OUT IT IS USSR ITSELF WHICH HAS LONGEST RECORD OF ANNEXING OTHER TERRITORIES. SETAREH TEHRAN WAS AGHAST AT ALLEGED STATEMENT IN SOVIET REPLY TO IRANIAN NOTE, THAT RADIO MOSCOW BROADCASTS NOT HOSTILE TO IRAN; MUST BE SOME OTHER RADIO

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NR 160700Z CALLING ITSELF RM. PAPER SAID THIS, LIKE OTHERS, FLAGRANT

LIE OF WHICH ONLY COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA CAPABLE.

3. AMINI: THIS WEEK NOTICEABLE INCREASE COMMENT
SMALL PAPERS FAVORABLE OR NOT UNFRIENDLY TO AMINI GOVT.
MELLIYUN, FORMER ORGAN MELLIYUN PARTY, THOUGH SAYING GOVT
HAS NOT FULLILLED PROMISES, SAYS IT STILL NOT TOO LATE FOR
AMINI TO WIN SUPPORT; RECOGNIZED AMINI DIFFICULTIES AND GOOD
INTENTIONS RE ELECTIONS. MARDE MOBAREZ SIMILARLY SYMPATHETIC
RE ELECTIONS, BUT PLEADED HE NO LONGER KEEP PUBLIC IN DARK.
ROWSHANFER BLAMED GOVT INACTION ON INADEQUATE STAFF. EVEN
ATRABILIOUS JEHAN "AIM ITS AMINI COMPETENT PERSON WHO CAN
IMPROVE ECONOMIC SITUATION," BUT FINANCE MINISTER HAS
OLD-FASHIONED THINKING. BEINOLMELLALI SAID FAILURE AMINI
KEEP PROMISES DID NOT UNDERMINE HIS PRESTIGE, AND HE ABLE
KEEP COUNTRY ON FEET; CALLED FOR CONTINUED SUPPORT. KEYHAN
CRITICIZED GOVT FOR ACTING INDEPENDENTLY OF PEOPLE; SAID
GOVT CAN BUT WILL NOT ELIMINATE THIS SPLIT. SOME CRITICAL
COMMENT, ESPECIALLY PRESSURE FOR ELECTIONS, AS LAST WEEK.

4. US AID: ALLEGED U.S. DISPLEASURE OVER
ANTI-WESTERN SPEECHES AT BELGRADE PROMPTED A FEW SMALL
PAPERS TO CROW THESE SPEECHES PROVE THEY WERE RIGHT IN
DENOUNCING U.S. POLICY OF AIDING NEUTRALS MORE THAN ALLIES. (UNCLAS)

B. RADIO

1. RADIO MOSCOW/NVI: RM REPORTED DEMONSTRATIONS
IN TABRIZ, OTHER NORTHERN CITIES, PROTESTING "SECRET CENTO

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TALBOT VISITED IRAN TO LEARN PEOPLE'S REACTION TO DISCLOSURE CENTO PLANS, HELD AUG 21 CONFERENCE WITH AMBASSADOR, AMINI, GEN NASIRI, GEN PAKRAVAN IN WHICH TALBOT CRITICIZED GOVT FAILURE STOP PANIC AMONG PEOPLE, NOTING IRAN MAY BE NEARING REPETITION MOSADEQ DAYS; CLAIMED TALBOT ALSO SAID U.S. UNABLE HELP SHAH MEET SITUATION SINCE U.S. PRESTIGE BADLY HURT BY DISCLOSURE OUR PART IN PREPARATION CENTO PLANS. RM ATTACKED SHAH, SAYING INSTEAD OF STAVING OFF DISASTER BEFORE TOO LATE HE DELIVERS WARMONGERING SPEECHES, HIDING BEHIND AMERICANS AND SHAKING HIS FIST. SAID "THIS DICTATOR" HAS NOT LEARNED FROM HISTORY OR FROM DESTINY OF FATHER, WHO TRIED MAKE IRAN INTO GERMAN BASE FOR WAR AGAINST USSR; PRESENT SHAH AND AMINI NOW FOLLOWING EVENTED MORE DANGEROUS NATIONAL POLICY. (UNCLASSIFIED)

NVI DEMANDED RELEASE NATIONAL FRONT LEADERS HELD SINCE 30TH OF TIR. SAID PUBLICATION CENTO DOCUMENTS CAUSED PANIC IN NORTHERN IRAN, "THAT IS, THE DEATH ZONE;" GOVT EMPLOYEES FLEEING AREA, LANDOWNERS FEAR UPRISING BY

PEASANTS, WHO FEEL THAT RICH HAVE SOLD THEM TO AMERICANS. REPORTED GOVT THREATENING SEVERE ACTION AGAINST EMPLOYEES WHO LEAVE AREA WITHOUT PERMISSION. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: RM ATTACKED SHAH IN BLUNT, DIRECT TERMS USUALLY RESERVED BY SOVIETS FOR NVI. (UNCLASSIFIED)

III. MILITARY

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1. RETIREMENT: COL ALI TORAB-TORKI, FORMER
COMMANDER SPECIAL FORCES UNIT, IIA, HAS BEEN RETIRED.
COL TORAB-TORKI, MIFFED AT NOT BEING REASSIGNED TO
SPECIAL FORCES, REPORTEDLY REQUESTED RETIREMENT. (OFLUSE)

B. NAVY-NEGATIVE.

C. AIR FORCE-NEGATIVE.

SIGNED HOLMES

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ACTION: ACSI

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I. POLITICAL

A. INTERNAL

1. PRIMIN'S VIEWS ON DOMESTIC SITUATION: IN TALK WITH AMB SEPT 26, PRIMIN AMINI REFLECTED CONFIDENT ATTITUDE, CONFIRMED CONTINUING SUPPORT FROM SHAH, NOTED SOME SLOW IMPROVEMENT IN PRIVATE ECONOMIC SECTOR, AND, WHILE EXPECTING NEXT FEW MONTHS BE DIFFICULT, LOOKED FOR SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT DOMESTIC ECONOMY THEREAFTER. INDICATED POLITICAL ACTIVITY OF STUDENTS CONTINUES BE MATTER OF CONCERN AND SAID HE INSTRUCTED SAVAK CONCENTRATE ON TUDEH INFLUENCE AMONG STUDENTS. PRIMIN EXPRESSED SOME EXASPERATION WITH HIS CRITICS THAT

THOSE REFLECTING PERENNIALLY CYNICAL ATTITUDE COMMON TO HIS

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COUNTRYMEN AND OBSERVED THIS WAS PROMPTED IN SOME CASES
BY PERSONAL AMBITION. (CONFIDENTIAL)

2. ANTI-CORRUPTION CAMPAIGN: GOVT ANNOUNCED PUBLIC
TRIALS FOR GENERAL RUHOLLAH NAVI SI, FORMER HEAD OF FISHERIES
COMPANY, AND HIS ASSOCIATES WILL COMMENCE SEPT 30. GOVT
CASE IS BASED ON CHARGES OF MISAPPROPRIATION OF GOVT FUNDS
IN EXCESS OF TEN MILLION RIALS (OVER \$133,000), FORGERY, AND FRAUD-
ULENT CONCLUSION OF CONTRACTS. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: PRIMIN TOLD AMB HE WAS PERSONALLY GRATIFIED THAT
COURT HAS SET FIRM DATE FOR TRIAL. GOVT OBVIOUSLY HOPING
BENEFIT FROM INTEREST WHICH WILL BE AROUSED BY PUBLIC HEARING.
EMBASSY HAS IMPRESSION THAT CONTINUING ANTI-CORRUPTION
INVESTIGATIONS HAVE CONSIDERABLY SLOWED GOVERNMENTAL MACHINERY,
AS OFFICIALS APPEAR INCREASINGLY DISINCLINED TAKE RESPONSIBILITY
FOR DECISIONS WHICH COULD CONCEIVABLY LEAD TO LATER DISMISSAL
OR ARREST. (CONFIDENTIAL)

3. TOBACCO MONOPOLY ARRESTS: PRESS SEPT 27 REPORTED
DETENTION OF TWO EX-DIRECTORS OF TOBACCO MONOPOLY AND FOUR
LESSER OFFICIALS ALLEGEDLY ON CHARGES OF MISAPPROPRIATING
GOVT FUNDS AND OBTAINING UNAUTHORIZED \$5 MILLION LOAN. (UNCLASS)

COMMENT: LOAN IN QUESTION APPEARS REFER TO 1959
BORROWING FROM EXIM BANK FOR PURCHASE CIGARETTE MANUFACTURING
MACHINERY. IF SO, PRESS ALLEGATION THAT LOAN WAS
UNAUTHORIZED PATENTLY ABSURD. EMBASSY SEEKING DEVELOP
FURTHER INFORMATION ON CHARGES BROUGHT BY MIN JUSTICE. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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4. KURDISH DEVELOPMENTS: AMCONSUL TABRIZ REPORTED THAT LTGEN KUSHESHI, IRANIAN 3RD CORPS COMMANDER AT MAHABAD, TOLD FRENCH CONSUL SEPT 25 THAT IRAQI AIR ATTACKS ON IRAQI KURDS NEAR FRONTIER CONTINUED, THAT REVOLT NOT YET OVER IN IRAQI KURDISTAN, AND THAT 450 REFUGEES HAD NOW ENTERED IRAN NEAR KHANEH. ADDED THAT GEN KUSHESHI'S SOURCES REPORTED MULLAH MUSTAFA BARZANI IS NOW IN SYRIA. (CONF)

COMMENT: IF IT DEVELOPS THAT MULLA MUSTAFA IS NOW IN SYRIA, GOI WILL BE RELIEVED OF CONSIDERABLE CONCERN OVER HIS PROPAGANDIZING AND CONTACT WITH IRANIAN KURDS, POSSIBILITY OF WORSENING RELATIONS WITH IRAQ. (CONFIDENTIAL)

II. PSYCHOLOGICAL**A. PRESS**

1. KENNEDY UN SPEECH: WIDE NEWS COVERAGE, BUT ONLY THREE SMALL PAPERS COMMENTED SO FAR, PRAISING HIGHLY AS STEP TOWARD PEACE; ONE WELCOMED KHRUSHCHEV ASSURANCE U.S. SUGGESTION WOULD BE SERIOUSLY STUDIED. (UNCLASSIFIED)

2. AMINI GOVT: SMALL PAPERS CONTINUE TO CARP ABOUT GOVT INACTION. STILL PRESSURE FOR ELECTIONS, THOUGH SEVERAL PAPERS RAISE QUESTION OF WHETHER NO PARLIAMENT IS NOT BETTER THAN BAD ONE. (UNCLASSIFIED)

3. IRAN-SOVIET RELATIONS: COMINGS AND GOINGS SOVAMB PEGOV WATCHED CLOSELY ALL PAPERS, SMALL PAPERS FREQUENTLY INDULGING IN HOPES FOR BETTER RELATIONS TEMPERED BY USUAL RESERVATIONS REGARDING RESPECT FOR IRANIAN INDEPENDENCE.

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INTEGRITY, CESSATION SOVIET PROPAGANDA AGAINST IRAN. (UNCLASSIFIED)

4. ANTI-SOVIET ARTICLES: PAPERS, INCLUDING MAJOR DAILIES, CONTINUE PRINT OCCASIONAL UNSIGNED ARTICLES CITING CORRUPTION, DELINQUENCY, ETC. IN SOVIET UNION, FAILURE COMMUNISM. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: EMBASSY LEARNED THESE ARTICLES PREPARED IN DEPARTMENT PUBLICATIONS AND BROADCASTING, COMMENDED TO PRESS BY ITS CHIEF, LATER DELIVERED TO EDITORS BY REPRESENTATIVE SAVAK OR NATIONAL POLICE WITH SUBSEQUENT PHONE CALL TO URGE PUBLICATION. PAPERS PERFORM PRINT MOST OF THEM RELUCTANTLY.
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5. PRESS OFFICIALLY UPBRAIDED: AT "COMMAND" RECEPTION FOR EDITORS, PUBLISHERS, SAVAK CHIEF GEN. PAKRAVAN LECTURED PRESS FOR OPPOSING GOVT. SAID COUNTRY IN EXPLOSIVE SITUATION TO WHICH PRESS ATTACKS CONTRIBUTING; ALSO PRESS FEEDING SOVIET PROPAGANDA MACHINE. TOLD PRESS THEY FALL IN THREE GROUPS: FOREIGN SPIES, FOOLS. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

COMMENT: MAJORITY PRESS INCENSED. PAKRAVAN DEMARCHE PROBABLY DID FURTHER HARM TO AMINI POSITION WITH PRESS. (OFLUSE)

B. RADIO

RADIO MOSCOW/NVI: RM CONTINUED EXPLOITATION IRANIAN ARMY OFFICER "DEFECTOR" MAJOR JALAL MORTAZAVI, DEVOTING SUBSTANTIAL PORTION THIS WEEK'S BROADCASTS TO HIS RADIO INTERVIEW AND SPEECH TO IRANIANS. MORTAZAVI IN SPEECH ALLEGED THAT WHILE IN AHE FOUND SAME DISCRIMINATION

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AND CORRUPTION AS IN IRAN, SAYING, "YOU CAN'T IMAGINE HOW MUCH KENNEDY SPENT TO WIN...OR HOW MUCH JUGGLING AND TRICKS TOOK PLACE IN U.S. ELECTIONS." CALLED ON YOUNG ARMY OFFICERS NOT TO BE TOOLS OF CORRUPT GENERALS WHO APPROVED SECRET CENTO PLANS, ARE THEMSELVES TOOLS OF ENGLAND, U.S. TOLD THEM GET BEST TRAINING POSSIBLE, KEEP RECORDS CLEAN, BE READY FOR FUTURE ACTION AGAINST TERRORIST REGIME OF SHAH. RM ALSO ALLOTED ONE BROADCAST EACH TO REVULSION OF INHABITANTS NEAR EAST COUNTRIES AGAINST SECRET CENTO PLANS, AND TO UNEMPLOYMENT IN IRAN; BLAMED MONOPOLISTS, E.G., CONSORTIUM, FOR FIRING CAPABLE IRANIAN EMPLOYEES, SAYING SKILLED IRANIANS NOW REDUCED TO BEGGING OR OPENING CAR DOORS FOR YANKEES.

NVI SPENT GENERALLY LACKLUSTRE WEEK REHASHING OLD ATTACKS AGAINST CIA PART IN 1953 "COUP D'ETAT" AGAINST "LAWFUL" MOSADEQ GOV, DEMANDING IMMEDIATE ELECTIONS, AND CALLING FOR RELEASE THOSE STUDENT PRISONERS STILL JAILED. CALLED ON GUILDS, BUSINESSMEN TO REFUSE PAYMENT "ILLEGAL" TAXES TO AMINI GOVT; SAID THAT UNDER PRESENT CONDITIONS OF WIDESPREAD BANKRUPTCY, ECONOMIC HARDSHIP, A NATIONALIST GOVT WOULD NOT SEEK COLLECT TAXES FROM MERCHANTS. (UNCLASSIFIED)

III. MILITARY

A. ARMY

1. PROMOTIONS: NEWSPAPERS ETELAAT AND KAYHAN OF 23 SEPT LISTED ARMY PROMOTIONS OF LTGEN HEJAZI (CHIEF SCS) TO GENERAL: MAJGEN S AYADI (SHAH'S PHYSICIAN), ZARGHAMI

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(II CORPS), KUSHESHI (III CORPS), AND ZARGHAM (GROUND FORCE DEPUTY) TO LTGEN; 13 BRIG GEN TO MAJGEN; 30 COLONELS TO BRIG GEN.; AND PROMOTIONS TO OTHER GRADES. SAME NEWSPAPERS REPORTED RETIREMENT OF TWO LT GENERALS (VOSSOUGH, FORMER MINISTER OF WAR, AND SHAHROKHSHAH, COMDT OF STAFF COLLEGE); 11 MAJOR GENERALS, AND 38 BRIGADIER GENERALS. (UNCLASS) COMMENT: CREATION OF ONLY 30 NEW GENERAL OFFICERS AND RETIREMENT OF 51 IS DEFINITE STEP IN RIGHT DIRECTION.

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2. SEE ALSO INTERNAL (4) AND PSYCHOLOGICAL (B). (UNCLASS)

B. NAVY

1. SHIP VISIT: USS WILLARD KEITH (DD-775) DEPARTED KHOARAMSHAH/ABADAN 21 SEPT AFTER SUCCESSFUL 3-DAY VISIT. (UNCLASS)

2. PROMOTIONS: REAR ADMIRAL A. FATEMI, IIN AND CAPTAIN A. MONSHI, IIN, PROMOTED. VICE ADMIRAL AZSHIRVANI AND REAR ADMIRAL AHANIN RETIRED. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: AZSHIRVANI WILL PROBABLY BE RECALLED ACTIVE DUTY TO CONTINUE AS HEAD OF CONSCRIPTION. (CONFIDENTIAL)

C. AIR FORCE-NEGATIVE

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I. POLITICAL

A. INTERNAL

1. PRIMIN VISITS AZERB-IRAN: PRIMIN AMINI ARRIVED
IN TABRIZ SEPT 29 FOR FOUR-DAY TOUR OF AZERB-IRAN PROVINCES.
IN ADDRESS TO STUDENTS OF TABRIZ UNIV, PRIMIN DECLARED
NATIONAL FRONT HAD NEVER ENJOYED GREATER FREEDOM THAN IT
DOES UNDER HIS GOVT, SCORED FRONT FOR ABUSING FREEDOM IN
21 JULY DEMONSTRATIONS (WEEKA 30). PRESS REPORTED STUDENTS
HAD ACCUSED PRIMIN OF SUPPRESSING BASIC FREEDOMS, OBTAINING
C LAST WORD LINE SIX DECLARED RPT DECLARED
FOREIGN LOANS AGAINST PEOPLE'S WILL AND ILLEGALLY PUTTING
OFF ELECTIONS. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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LAST WEEK'S ARREST TOBACCO MONOPOLY OFFICIALS ON CHARGES MISAPPROPRIATION FUNDS (WEEKA 39), MIN JUSTICE TOOK OVER FILES LOCAL AGENT AMERICAN MACHINE AND FOUNDRY CO., SUPPLIER OF CIGARETTE MANUFACTURING MACHINERY UNDER EXIM BANK LOAN. EMBASSY INFORMED OCT 2 BY GOV THAT LEGALITY EXIM LOAN NOT RPT NOT IN QUESTION. (CONFIDENTIAL)

COMMENT: AMERICAN CITIZEN, PART OWNER AMF LOCAL AGENCY, INFORMS EMBASSY INANC ING AGREEMENT PROPERLY EXECUTED, NO IRREGULARITIES. EMB BELIEVES CASE REPRESENTS MIN JUSTICE ATTEMPT TO GET MORE EVIDENCE AGAINST GEN. ALI AKBAR ZARQAM, ONCE MIN CUSTOMS AND MONOPOLIES, BY WORKING THROUGH FORMER DIRECTOR TOBACCO MONOPOLY, WHO RELATIVE OF ZARGAM. (CONFIDENTIAL)

3. FISHERIES TRIAL: PUBLIC TRIAL OF FISHERIES

COMPANY OFFICIALS COMMENCED SEPT 30 WITH 30-PAGE INDICTMENT ON VARIOUS CHARGES OF MISAPPROPRIATION, CHEATING AND FOGGERY. ALL DEFENDANTS PLEADED NOT GUILTY EXCEPT PRINCIPAL DEFENDANT GEN NAVICHI, WHO MAINTAINED COURT SILENCE. OFF WITNESS STAND NAVICHI REPORTEDLY STATED PRESENT STATE OF NATION DOES NOT PERMIT HIM SPEAK EVEN IF THIS IS DISADVANTAGEOUS TO HIM. PRESS REPORTED EVIDENCE OF GROWING DISSENSION BETWEEN "CAVIAR QUEEN" MME. DAVOLOU, AND OTHER ACCUSED.

PUBLIC INTEREST CENTERED ON PROSECUTION EVIDENCE RE ILLEGAL AND ALCOHOLIC ENTERTAINMENT, OBTENSIELY TO CELEBRATE BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY OF IMAMAI WHICH COINCIDED, HOWEVER, WITH CHRISTIAN

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NEW YEAR. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: NOT YET CLEAR WHETHER TRIVIAL NATURE EARLY EVIDENCE IS TACTICAL MOVE BY PROSECUTION OR INDICATION SENATIONAL EVIDENCE REPORTEDLY OBTAINED IS BEING SUPPRESSED.
(OFFICIAL USE ONLY) (SEE PSYCHOLOGICAL)

4. PAHLAVI FOUNDATION: AT SEPT 28 PRESS CONFERENCE, RETIRING DIRECTOR OF PAHLAVI FOUNDATION MOHAMAD JAFAR BEHBEHANIAN DELIVERED COMPREHENSIVE REPORT ON ACTIVITIES OF PAHLAVI FOUNDATION, NOTED THAT FOUNDATION NOW HAS TOTAL CAPITAL IN EXCESS 10 BILLION RIALS (\$133.3 MILLION). SAID PROCEEDS OF ALL FOUNDATION ENTERPRISES HAVE BEEN MERGED INTO SINGLE FUND WHOSE REVENUE WILL HENCEFORTH BE AVAILABLE TO FOUNDATION AS A SEPARATE ENTITY. REVENUES TO FINANCE CHARITABLE, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES WILL BE DERIVED FROM TANKER FLEET, HOTELS, AND INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISES. ALSO DECLARED THAT EXPANDING ACTIVITIES OF FOUNDATION NECESSITATED ITS SEPARATION FROM CROWN ESTATES AND ANNOUNCED APPOINTMENT OF A SADOLLAH ALAM (FORMER SEC GEN MARDOM PARTY) AS NEW MANAGING DIRECTOR. DECLARED PERSONAL HEALTH NEEDED REQUESTED APPOINTMENT OF YOUNGER MAN. BEHBEHANIAN WILL CONTINUE HEAD CROWN ESTATES ADMINISTRATION.

EMB INFORMED DETAILS OF NEW ARRANGEMENT WILL BE ANNOUNCED OCT 5. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: SHAH HAS ACTED TO MAKE PUBLIC CLEARLY AWARE HIS PERSONAL HOLDINGS AND FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS ARE DIVORCED FROM ACTIVITIES OF PAHLAVI FOUNDATION, WHICH WAS IDELY

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AFFAIRS. (C CONFIDENTIAL)**B. EXTERNAL**

1. IRA -SYRIA: RECALLING TRADITIONAL FRIENDSHIP
BETWEEN IRAN AND SYRIA, FOREIGN MINISTRY ANNOUNCED RECOGNITION
OF SEPARATIST SYRIAN GOVT OCT 2. PRESS REPORTS OFFICIAL
SOURCE DECLARED GOI WITHHELD RECOGNITION UNTIL NEW GOVT
OFFICIALLY DECLARED INDEPENDENCE FROM UAR. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: GOI ACTION NOT UNEXPECTED VIEW OF BREAK IN
RELATIONS WITH UAR SINCE JULY 1960. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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2. IRAN-USSR: IRANIAN AMB ALI QOLI ARDALAN
DEPARTED FOR MOSCOW OCT 2 AMID PRESS SPECULATION ANTICIPATING
BASIC IMPROVEMENT IN RELATIONS WITH USSR. EMB TALKS WITH
PRIMIN, AMB ARDALAN AND SOV AMB PEGOV DISCLOSE NO CHANGE
IN SITUATION. GOI DESIRES RELATIONS BASED ON MUTUAL RESPECT,
SOVEREIGNTY AND INDEPENDENCE BUT BELIEVES ESTABLISHMENT SUCH
RELATIONS IMPOSSIBLE WHILE SOV PROPAGANDA ATTACKS CONTINUE.
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3. PERSIAN GULF VISITOR: GOI GUEST SHAikh RASHID
BIN SAID, RULER OF DUBAI, ARRIVED TEHRAN FROM SHIRAZ OCT 1.
RULER WAS RECEIVED BY SHAH AND HONORED AT BANQUETS GIVEN
BY PRIMIN AND LT GEN EKHTIAR. ESCORT HOST WAS DEPUTY
SAVAK CHIEF ALAVI-KIA. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: SAVAK CONTINUES HAVE DOMINANT ROLE IN COURTING

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FRIENDSHIP-PERSIAN GULF RULERS. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

II. PSYCHOLOGICAL

A. PRESS

1. SYRIA: BIG NEWS STORY OF WEEK, EXTENSIVE NEWS AND EDITORIAL COVERAGE. COMMENT UNANIMOUS IN SUPPORT COUP, PLEASURE THAT NASSER GOT COMEUPPANCE. SEVERAL PAPERS TOOK OPPORTUNITY POINT OUT SAME FATE AWAITS ALL WHO IGNORE PEOPLE'S RIGHTS. AZHANG AND ASIA SAID DICTATORSHIPS CANNOT LAST FOREVER, JAHAN ADDS IRANIANS SHOULD BE REVOLUTIONARIES, TOO; OVERTHROW CORRUPTION. PEIGHAM EMRUZ VAGUELY HINTS COUP WAS ARRANGED BY WEST TO KEEP SURNATION UNSTABLE. ONLY ETELAAT SHOWS CAUTION, SAYS TRANQUILITY IN AREA WILL CEASE, STRUGGLE FOR POWER INCREASE SINCE ARAB NATIONALISM STILL STRONG. (UNCLASSIFIED)

2. AMINI: PRO-CON COMMENT CONTINUES. AZARIN SAYS CRITICISM ITS DUTY TO NATION. PEIKE IRAN CLAIMS COLD WAR BETWEEN PEOPLE AND GOVT. SETAREH TEHRAN REPLIES OPPOSITION COMES ONLY FROM SELF-INTERESTED, STEMS FROM GRUDGES. KSORHE EMRUZ CONCERNED ABOUT UNEMPLOYMENT, ALSO REPORTS INTENSIFIED ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS OF GOVT. OPPONENTS, BUT PREDICTS NO DEMONSTRATIONS UNTIL SHAHS RETURN FROM FRANCE. AMINI'S TRIP TREATED LIGHTLY IN COMMENT, MRDE MOBAREZ SCOFFS AT PM SHEDDING TEARS OVER AZERB-IRAN, OTHERS HAVE DONE SAME, BUT ASKS IF WEEPING IS CURE FOR TROUBLES. ETELAAT SAYS UNANIMITY OF OPINION

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AMINI TALKS QUITE A LOT, AS SHAKEN CONFIDENCE OF PEOPLE IN ECONOMY. FARMAN SAYS ONLY PERSON WHO CAN END CHAOTIC SITUATION IS BKHTIAR - A DECISIVE AND UNBIASED MAN WHO RELIES ON PUBLIC OPINION AND IS OBEDIENT TO SHAH. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: PRESS STILL PIQUED AT PAKRAVAN ATTACK, (WEEKA 39) BUT SMALLER PRO-AMINI PAPERS REACTING INCREASINGLY AGAINST CRITICISM OF GOVT. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

5. ELECTIONS: CONTINUE CENTER OF CRITICISM. JAHAN SAYS FIRMAN DISSOLVING PLOTS NOT TO BLAME, BUT HAS CREATED VAGUENESS. SAHAR ASKS WHY PEOPLE THINK FREE ELECTIONS CAN BE HELD ONLY SIX MONTHS AFTER LAST ONES. BAIN-OL-MELLILI SUGGESTS TURNING MAJLIS BUILDING INTO HOSPITAL. OTHERS CONTINUE ATTACK ON UNCONSTITUTIONALITY OF DELAY. (UNCLASSIFIED)

4. FISHERIES TRIAL: EXTENSIVE NEWS COVERAGE, BUT COMMENT MOSTLY CYNICAL. KAYHAN AFRAID BEING USED AS POLITICAL WEAPON BY BOTH PROSECUTION AND DEFENSE PUT APPZAR JUSTLY HANDLED. PEIKE EMRUZ SAYS TRIAL MERELY COVER, VERDICT FOREGOING CONCLUSION. TOLU ASKS WHY CALLED "GREAT TRIAL," NOT FIRST IN HISTORY. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: GENERAL FEELING TRIAL SO FAR MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

5. DIPLOMAT SUSPENDED: WEEKLY SEIZED BY SAVAK BEFORE DISTRIBUTION SEPT 7. ISSUE CONTAINED ARAMESH ARTICLE ALLEGING U.S. NOT SINCERE ABOUT DISARMAMENT SINCE WOULD PREVENT ARMS SHIPMENTS TO SUPPORT CORRUPT REGIMES. MILDERS PARTS ARTICLE

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B. RADIO

1. RADIO IRAN: SUPPORTS OF SYRIA COUP, HOSTILE TO
CLAIMS RADIO XX CAIRO MAKING MISLEADING STATEMENTS.
NASSER. XXXXXXXXX~~XXXXXX~~XXXXXX~~XXXXXX~~XXXXXX~~XXXXXX~~XXXXXX~~XXXXXX~~XXXXXX~~XXXXXX~~
NEWS COVERAGE OF UN, RUSK GROMYKO TALKS. SAYS KENNEDY SPEECH
WELCOMED BY WHOLE FREE WORLD FOR GOOD WILL AND SINCERITY.
CONTINUES SUPPORT LITERACY CAMPAIGN, QUOTES LETTERS FROM
MINORITY GROUPS. STATES MIN OF ED. OPTOMES TO SPEND 4 -- 6
HOURS WEEK TEACHING ILLITERATES. (UNCLASSIFIED)

RADIO MOSCOW
27 XXXXXXXXX NVI: RM STILL PLUGGING. "DEFECTOR 2
MAJOR MOGTAZAVI, DEVOTED TWO BROADCASTS TO PARTS 3 AND 4 OF
HIS SPEECH TO IRANIANS. IN SPEECH, HE SAID USSR AUTHORITIES
DO NOT TELL HIM WHAT TO SAY, ONLY ASK HIM TO RESTRAIN HIMSELF
OUT OF RESPECT FOR "OLD FRIENDLY RELATIONS" BETWEEN IRAN,
RUSSIA; REPEATED RECENT RM LINE REGARDING "SECRET CENTO PLANS"
FOR DESTRUCTION MASHED, TABRIZ, HAMADAN, OTHER IRANIAN CITIES.
RM ALSO BLASTED IMPERIALISTS WHO, UNDER US LEADERSHIP,
PRESENTLY "RUNNING IRAN" BY MEANS OF NUMEROUS ADVISORS IN
27 GOVT. DEPTS; SAID ONE EXAMPLE IS IRAN'S UN DELEGATE VEKILI,
WHO RAISES HIS HAND WHENEVER AMERICAN DELEGATE DOES SO.
DEVOTED ONE BROADCAST TO CONSORTIUM PROFITS AND IRANIAN
MILITARY EXPENSES, SAYING TERMINATION THESE ITEMS WOULD
RELEASE VAST SUMS FOR DEVELOPMENT IRAN.

CONTINUED CALL FOR OVERTHROW OF SHAH, ADOPTION

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OF NEUTRALIST POLICY. NOTED RECENT RUMORS OF POSSIBLE
SUCCESSIONS TO PRINCE AMANI, SAID INTERESTING TO NOTE ALL
FACTIONS AGREE HE MUST GO; HOWEVER, DECLARED ONLY DR. MOSADEQ,
THE "LAWFUL" PRINCE, HAS ABILITY AND POPULAR SUPPORT TO SAVE
COUNTRY. DISCUSSED ALAM APPOINTMENT AS DIRECTOR PAHLAVI
FOUNDATION, SAYING NOW ALL SHAHS ?EMBEZZLEMENT, SMUGGLING,
TRADE IN PROHIBITED GOODS, HOTELKEEPING, CONTRACTS" WILL BE
UNDER ALAM AND SEPARATE FROM SHAHS LANDED PROPERTIES AND
"ROBBING OF PEASANTS;" SAID EXAMPLES SHAH'S INTRESTS
INCLUDE ONE-BILLION-RIAL PROFIT FROM ESTABLISHMENT GERM,
DEPARTMENT STORE, SHARES IN NIOC PROFITS, TLL TANKERS,
AND FOREIGN BANKS, THROUGH PAHLAVI FOUNDATION. SAID SHAH
LEARNED FROM FATHER HOW TO FORCE PEOPLE TO GIVE HIM
PROPERTIES. (UNCLASSIFIED)

III. MILITARY**A. ARMY**

1.

ASSIGNMENTS: FOLLOWING ARE REASSIGNMENTS OF
GENERAL OFFICERS, IIA. LT GENs MOHAMAD TAGHI MAJIDI,
CG I CORPS TO CG 1ST ARMY; AMIR GHOLI ZARGHAM, CG II CORPS TO
CG I COOPS; KARIM VARAHRAV, FROM ATTACHED PERSONNEL

DEPARTMENT TO ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, CROWN PRINCE REZAS
OFFICE; MAJOR GENERALS GHOGAM REZA AZHARI, C/S GROUND FORCES
TO CG V CORPS; ROSTAM NOZARI, CG V CORPS TO CHIEF ARMY

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TO DEPUTY COMMANDER, IV CORPS; BRIGADIER GENERALS
GHASEM KHAZAI, GJ

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CGPS; MOHAMAD HOSSEIN ZARGHAM, G-3 GROUND FORCES TO CG,
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7TH DIVISION TO CG, 1ST INDEPENDENT INFANTRY BRIGADE. (OFFICIAL
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B. NAVY - NEGATIVE.

C. AIR FORCE

1. IIAF AIRSHOW: 14 FRENCH MISTRE'S, 12 BRITISH HAWKER
HUNTER'S, AND 7 AMERICAN F-100'S WILL ARRIVE TEHGAN ON OR ABOUT
18 OCT TO PARTICIPATE IN ANNUAL IIAF AIRSHOW. SHOWS WILL BE HELD
IN TEHGAN ON 20 OCT AND AT VAHDATI-AIR FORCE BASE. (DEZFUL) ON 24 OCT.
HE WILL ATTEND LATER. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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A. INTERNAL

1. PRIMIN'S CONCERN WITH STUDENT CRITICISM: AT PRESS CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 8, PRIMIN INDICATED CONCERN OVER STUDENT ATTACKS ON HIS GOVT

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MADE DURING PREVIOUS WEEK'S VISIT TO UNIVERSITY OF TABRIZ, DEVOTED
BETTER PART OF CONFERENCE TO DANGERS OF STUDENT INVOLVEMENT IN
POLITICS. AMINI ATTACKED NEGATIVISM AMONG STUDENTS, HEAPED SCORN
ON RECENT SIT-DOWN STRIKE STAGED BY STUDENTS OF TEHRAN TEACHERS'

COL

EGE WHO WANT THE PASSING GRADE LOWERED. RESPONSIBILITY FOR
GUIDING STUDENTS, HE SAID, RESTS WITH TEACHERS, NOT GOVT. (UNCLAS)

COMMENT: AMINI'S ATTITUDE TOWARDS UNIVERSITY STUDENTS DIFFERS FROM
THAT OF HIS PREDECESSORS. IN THAT, ALTHOUGH THEIR CALLOW AND
EMOTIONAL CRITICISM OFTEN EXASPERATES HIM, HE CLEARLY CARES VERY
MUCH WHAT THEY THINK. ATTACKS BY TABRIZ STUDENTS ON ILLEGALITY OF
POSTPONING ELECTIONS, CONTRACTING FOREIGN LOANS WITHOUT MAJLIS
APPROVAL, ELECITED BITING COMMENTS FROM AMINI ON UNCONSTITUTIONAL
ACTIVITIES OF MOSADEQ REGIME. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

2. NF COMMEMORATES DEATH OF SHAMSHIRI: STUDENT AND OTHER
NATIONAL FRONT SUPPORTERS GATHERED, AND DEMONSTRATED SEVERAL TIMES
IN SIZEABLE MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR HASAN SHAMSHIRI, WELL-KNOWN
RESTAURANTEUR AND NF FINANCIAL PATRON, WHO DIED OCTOBER 4. ON ORDERS

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FROM SAVAK PRESS WITHHELD NEWS OF DEATH. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

COMMENT: FUNERAL AND MEMORIAL SERVICES PRODUCED FIRST
SIGNIFICANT FLURRY OF NF ACTIVITY SINCE ATTEMPTED JULY 21
DEMONSTRATION. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

3. LARGEST CROWN LAND DISTRIBUTION: IN OCT 7 CEREMONY SHAH
DISTRIBUTED NEARLY 10,000 HECTARES CROWN LANDS CASPIAN AREA TO
4,300 PEASANTS; LARGEST DISTRIBUTION TO DATE. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: IN LINE WITH SHAH'S ANNOUNCED INTENTION COMPLETE CROWN
LAND DISTRIBUTION BY MARCH 1962. (UNCLASSIFIED)

4. GERMAN LOAN AGREEMENT: SPECIFIC AGREEMENT FOR DM 50 MILLION
(\$12.5 MILLION) WEST GERMAN LOAN TO PLAN ORGANIZATION FOR SEFID RUD
DAM SIGNED IN BONN, BEING PREPARED FOR IRANIAN CABINET APPROVAL.
DELAYS ENCOUNTERED IN SIGNING OTHER SPECIFIC AGREEMENTS UNDER
OVERALL DM 200 MILLION (\$50 MILLION) AID PROTOCOL SIGNED AUGUST
(WEEKA 35). (CONFIDENTIAL).

COMMENT: DELAYS IN IMPLEMENTING PROTOCOL CUTS DOWN ON AMOUNT
AVAILABLE TO FINANCE GAP SECOND PLAN (ENDING SEPTEMBER 1962),
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INCREASES PLAN ORGANIZATION'S DEPENDENCE ON ADDITIONAL US FINANCING
ASSISTANCE. (CONFIDENTIAL)

5. ANTI-CORRUPTION CAMPAIGN: PRESS HAS REPORTED FOLLOWING
DEVELOPMENTS IN ANTI-CORRUPTION CAMPAIGN:

(1) IPIL SERVICE TRIBUNAL DREW UP FORMAL CHARGE SHEET AGAINST
GENERAL HAJ ALI KIA, FORMER HEAD OF ARMED FORCES INTELLIGENCE, AND
SEVEN HIGH RANKING OFFICIALS OF MINROADS AND LAND REGISTRATION DEPT.
ACCUSED OF HAVING USED GOVT ROAD BUILDING MACHINERY DEVELOP KIA'S
PERSONAL ESTATE AND FRAUDULENTLY OBTAINING TITLE DEEDS TO PUBLIC
LAND. LATER REPORTED KIA WOULD ALSO BE CHARGED WITH INTERFERENCE IN
ELECTIONS, MISAPPROPRIATION OF FUNDS ALLOCATED FOR RESETTLEMENT OF
KURDI SH TRIBES, AND INTERFERENCE AFFAIRS FORESTRY DEPT.

(2) ORDERS ISSUED OCT 7 FOR ARREST HIGH OFFICIALS STATE-OWNED
IRANIAN CARPET CO.

(3) SPECIAL COMMITTEE INVESTIGATING EXPENDITURES IN CONNECTION
WITH CONSTRUCTION OF SENATE BUILDING.

(4) AS FISHERIES TRIAL (WEEVA 40) CONTINUES, PROSECUTION MOVED
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FROM TRIVIAL ITEMS TO CHARGES BLACK MARKET TRADE IN CAVIAR, FRAUDULENT CONTRACTS, SALE OF INFERIOR CAVIAR AT TOP PRICES. (UNCLASSIFIED)

B. EXTERNAL

1. IRAN-FRANCE: SHAH AND QUEEN DEPARTED TEHRAN OCT 10 FOR 3 DAY STATE VISIT TO FRANCE. WILL REMAIN SEVERAL DAYS MORE ON PRIVATE VISIT. (UNCLASSIFIED)

II. PSYCHOLOGICAL**A. PRESS**

1. PAHLAVI FOUNDATION: SHAH'S ACTION (WEEKA 40) RECEIVED UNANIMOUS SUPPORT, FAVORABLE COMMENT ALMOST ALL PAPERS. SEVERAL SUGGESTIONS FOUNDATION BE EXAMPLIFIED ALL OTHER WEALTHY IRANIANS. (UNCLAS)

2. SHAH'S TRIP: AGAIN UNANIMOUS SUPPORT FOR STRENGTHENING TIES, CLOSER CULTURAL, ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH FRANCE. SEVERAL PAPERS REPEAT RUMOR ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT MAY COME ON SHAH'S RETURN. PEIGHAME EMRUZ SUGGESTS MACPCABINET, POLICY CHANGES LIVELY. SOBHE EMRUZ SAYS PARTIES PREPARING FOR POLITICAL FIGHT AFTER TRIP. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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3. AMINI: NEGATIVE COMMENT CONTINUES. DOMINATE, CENTERED
MOSTLY ON ELECTION DELAY. SEDAYE MARDOM SAYS PRETEXT OF NEED FOR
NEW REGULATIONS NOT JUSTIFIED, ELECTIONS MUST BE HELD SOON AS POSSIBLE.
BAMS HAD COMMENTS WRYLY ON UN ELECTIONS IN RUANDA-URUNDI BEING
SUPERVISED BY IRANIAN, YET AMINI SAYS FREE ELECTIONS CANNOT BE HELD
IN IRAN. KAYHAN WELCOMES AMINI STATEMENT GOI WILL FOREGO TRUNCHEONS
IN DEALING WITH STUDENTS, SAYS FORCE CANNOT CRUSH IDEAS. BAIN-OL-MFLALT
SAYS IRAN NEEDS FEAST OF BLOOD; IN PLACE OF FIREWORKS OCCASIONALLY
ARRANGED FOR SEPAH SQUARE, GALLONS SHOULD BE ERECTED FOR THIEVES AND
CRIMINALS. SEVERAL PAPERS COMMENT APPROVINGLY ON MANY SUGGESTIONS FOR
IMPROVEMENT OFFERED BY UP STRINGER, YUSEF (JOE) MAZANDI AT AMINI
PRESS CONFERENCE. THESE INCLUDED SELLING ALL OSTENTATIOUS GOVERNMENT
VEHICLES, MAKING GOVT REFLECT PEOPLE'S WISHES. (UNCLASSIFIED)

B. RADIO

1. RADIO MOSCOW/NVI: RM RETURNED TO OLD THEMES, ATTACKING
"RULING CLASS" ADHERENCE TO CENTO, SUBSERVIENCE TO AMERICANS, WHICH
IT BLAMED FOR ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES. IRAN: ATTACKED AMINI GOVT AS NO
DIFFERENT FROM PREDECESSORS, HIT AT AMINI FOR MAKING "DEMAGOGIC"
PROMISES TO STUDENTS, WHILE SUPPRESSING THEIR "LEGAL" DEMONSTRATIONS

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BY THREATS AND FORCE. CONTINUED ATTACK CONSORTIUM, WHICH IT SAID GAINS \$800 MILLION ANNUAL PROFIT IN CONTRAST TO IRAN'S, VOE \$280 MILLION SHARE, WHILE HAVING DAMAGED IRAN'S ECONOMY BY TWICE CUTTING OIL PRICES. SAID US, ENGLAND HOPE IMPOSE \$900 MILLION EXPENSES OF THEIR KHARG ISLAND INSTALLATIONS UPON IRAN.

NVI DERIDED SHAH'S "SO-CALLED" LAND DISTRIBUTION, VAXENG HE STILL OWNS 1,000 VILLAGES, AND DURING PAST 10 YEARS GREATLY AUGMENTED WEALTH IN FORM OF CASH, FACTORIES, HOTELS, COMPANIES BY ROBBING PEASANTS AND SELLING IRAN TO IMPERIALIST GOVTS. NOTED US AUTHORITIES HAVE GIVEN SHAH A WORTHLESS, MOTHBALLLED WARSHIP NAMED "SIMORG". ATTACKED Amini AND SHATVFOR NOT HOLDING ELECTIONS. SAID Amini IN RECENT PRESS CONFERENCE ADMITTED REVOLUTION UNAVOIDABLE, TRIED FRIGHTEN PEOPLE BY CLAIMING ALL WOULD BE ANNIHILATED; NVI PROMISED REVOLUTION WOULD TAKE PLACE ZX ALMLY" IF RULING CLASS SURRENDERS LITHOUT USELESS OBSTINACY. ALSO ACCUSED US, BRITISH OF PLOTTING TO INCITE KURDI DISTURBANCES, THEN ESTABLISH A "SO-CALLED"/ INDEPENDENT KURDISTAN TO FACILITATE IMPERIALIST PENETRATION THIS AREA. (UNCLASSIFIED)

III. MILITARY
A. ARMY

1. REASSIGNMENT: MAJOR GENERAL (AIR FORCE) MORTEZA KHOSROVANI, FROM J-5, SCS, TO CHIEF, ARMY JUSTICE DEPARTMENT. MAJOR GENERAL HABIBOLLAH SHAKIBA FROM CHIEF IG, SCS, TO CHIEFW-5, SGS. (UNCLAS)

2. PROMOTIONS: COLONEL BAHMAN REZANIA, C/S, II CORPS, AND COLONEL REZA ZAHEDI PROMOTED TO BRIGADIER GENERAL. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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3. RETIREMENTS: 301 COLONELS SCHEDULED TO RETIRE DURING OCTOBER 1961. REPORTEDLY 21 ADDITIONAL GENERAL OFFICERS TO BE RETIRED. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

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B. NAVY - NEGATIVE

C. AIR FORCE - NEGATIVE

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I. POLITICAL

A. INTERNAL.

1. KURDISH DEVELOPMENTS: AMRONSUL TABRIZ HAS REPORTED
THAT ARMY AND KURDISH SOURCES INDICATE IRANIAN TROOPS WERE
DEPLOYED ON HEIGHTS ALONG IRAN-TURKISH FRONTIER FOLLOWING
EARLIER APPEARANCE OF BARZANI KURDS ON IRAQ-TURKISH BORDER.

LT. GEN UUSHESHI, 3RD CORPS COMMANDER, EXPECTS MOST UNITS
WILL MOVE INTO VALLEYS IN FEW DAYS, DUE FREEZING TEMPERATURES
AND REMOVAL IMMEDIATE BARZANI THREAT. IRANIAN ARMY REMAINS
IN TOUCH WITH OTHER IRAQI KURDISH REBELS BUT HAS APPARENTLY
NOT AGREED HELP THEM IN SPITE OF PLEAS DIRECTED HIGHEST
GOVT LEVELS.

CONSUL ALSO REPORTED APPROACH OF CONSERVATIVE IRANIAN

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KURDISH CHIEF URGING U.S. SUPPORT FOR IRAQI KURDISH MOVEMENT;
INDICATED MANY FORMER ENEMIES MULLA MUSTAFA BARZANI NOW HAIL
HIM AS PROVEN ANTI-COMMUNIST. (SECRET)

COMMENT: CONSUL APPROACHED SIMILARLY FOR U.S. SUPPORT
FOR IRAQI REVOLT ON THREE PRIOR OCCASIONS BY RESPECTED AND
CONSERVATIVE IRANIAN KURDS. CONSUL HAS EXPLAINED U.S.
POLICY REMAINS ONE OF NON-INVOLVEMENT. (SECRET)

2. OPEC CONFERENCE: CONFERENCE OF ORGANIZATION PETROLEUM
EXPORTING COUNTRIES ATTENDED BY REPRESENTATIVES IRAN, KUWAIT,
QATAR, SAUDI ARABIA AND VENEZUELA TO OPEN TEHRAN OCTOBER 28
WITH SPEECH BY PRIME MINISTER AMINI. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: IRAQ, A FOUNDING MEMBER, HAS NOT YET PUT IN
APPEARANCE, BUT EMBASSY HAS BEEN TOLD CONFERENCE WILL PROCEED
ON SCHEDULE. NO OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS HAVE SO FAR BEEN
MADE AND OPEC HAS RECEIVED BAD PRESS LOCALLY BECAUSE OF
REFUSAL GIVE OUT INFORMATION TO REPORTERS. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

3. UNIVERSITY STUDENTS HECKLE PRIME MINISTER: PRESS

REPORTED STUDENTS OF TEHRAN

UNIVERSITY DEMONSTRATED AGAINST
PRIMIN AMINI OCT 24 WHEN LATTER ENTERED UNIVERSITY TO ATTEND
UN DAY CELEBRATION. STUDENTS APPARENTLY DEMANDED AMINI STOP
VIOLATING CONSTITUTION BY DELAYING ELECTIONS, SHOUTED SLOGANS
HAILING MOSADEQ AND NATIONAL FRONT. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: ACCORDING SAVAK OFFICIAL, NF LEADERS REPORTEDLY
DISCLAIM ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR DEMONSTRATION. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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UNCONFIRMED INCIDENT WAS ORGANIZED BY RIGHT AS WELL AS LEFT WING
EXTREMISTS, BOTH OF WHOM ARE ENGAGED IN "CONSPIRACY"
AGAINST PRESENT GOVT. (UNCLASSIFIED)

4. MINOR STUDENT TROUBLES: TEHRAN UNIVERSITY LAW STUDENTS
STAGED ONE-DAY STRIKE OCT 18, PROTESTING MINJUSTICE HIRING
SOME GRADUATES FROM FACULTY OF THEOLOGY INSTEAD OF FACULTY
OF LAW. INCONCLUSIVE EFFORTS SETTLE QUESTION RESULTED IN
DECISION REFER ISSUE TO NEXT MAJLIS FOR SOLUTION.

CONTROVERSY UNDERWAY AT TEHRAN'S TEACHERS COLLEGE SINCE
LATE SEPTEMBER INVOLVES READMISSION OF APPROXIMATELY 150
STUDENTS WHO FAILED PASS MAKE UP EXAMS. IN SYMPATHY REMAINDER
OF STUDENTS REFUSED ATTEND CLASSES WHICH ONLY SCHEDULED COMMENCE
LAST WEEK. COLLEGE AUTHORITIES REMAIN ADAMANT BUT PRIMIN
HAS PROMISED STUDENT DELEGATION HE WOULE SEE WHAT COULD BE
DONE. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: WHILE EVENTS AT BOTH INSTITUTIONS APPEAR TO
BE STRICTLY ACADEMIC THEY ARE INDICATIVE OF VOLATILE AND
UNDISCIPLINED STUDENT ENERGY WHICH CAN EASILY BE CHANNELED
INTO POLITICAL ACTIVITY. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

5. SHAH'S RETURN: SHAH AND QUEEN RETURNED FROM FRANCE
OCT 23 FOR BUSY WEEK INCLUDING ATTENDANCE AT DEZFUL AIR
SHOW, DEDICATION KARAJ DAM AND BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION OCT 26.
(SEE PSYCHOLOGICAL) LATTER WAS OCCASION FOR ANNUAL SALAAM
AND ADDITIONAL SPORTS RALLY. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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1. 22ND CONGRESS: EXTENSIVE NEWS COVERAGE, EDITORIAL COMMENT. MOST PAPERS SEE SLIGHT LESSENING TENSION IN K'S REMARKS PEACE TREATY NOT NECESSARY AT THIS TIME. SOME CAUTIOUS SPECULATION SINO-SOVIET RIFT OVER ALBANIA MAY INDICATE DEEPER CLEAVAGE BETWEEN PRO WAR STALINISTS AND K'S PEACEFUL CO-EXISTANCE FOLLOWERS. SEVERAL PAPERS GLOOMILY CONCLUDE CONGRESS GIVES NO HINT IRANO-SOVIET RELATIONS TO IMPROVE. (UNCLASSIFIED)

2. 50 MEGATON BOMB: NEWS COVERAGE, EDITORIAL COMMENT EXTENSIVE BUT NOT HYSTERICAL. PAPERS PLEAD WITH K TO CANCEL TESTS IMMEDIATELY FOR BENEFIT OF ALL MANKIND, WARN IRANIANS THAT THEIR COUNTRY BECAUSE OF COMMON BORDER WILL SUFFER FROM CONTINUED TESTING. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: PAPERS CERTAINLY ALARMED OVER SOVIET TESTING BUT DO NOT YET APPEAR TO BE ENRAGED BY ATOMIC DETONATIONS BY THEIR NEIGHBOR. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

3. DR AMINI: CONTINUED SHARP BUT NOT VIRULENT CRITICISM OF AMINI'S GOVT. SOME PAPERS NOW CALLING HIM DICTATOR. MAJORS REFRAIN FROM OPEN ATTACK OR APPROVAL. (UNCLAS)

COMMENT: AMINI STILL ENJOYS EDITORIAL SUPPORT IN SOME QUARTERS BUT THERE APPEARS TO BE INCREASING CRITICISM OF ALL ASPECTS OF HIS RULE. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

4. FOREIGN ADVISORS: SOME SMALL PAPERS RENEW ATTACK ON "OVER-PAID UNDER-CONTRIBUTING" FOREIGN ADVISORS, CALL FOR THEIR IMMEDIATE REPLACEMENT BY IRANIAN EXPERTS WHO UNDERSTAND COUNTRY AND ITS NEEDS. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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5. OPEC MEETING: WIDE SPECULATION AGENDA, ABSENCE
OF IRAQ, DEMAND FROM

BOTH SMALL PAPERS AND MAJOR THAT IRAN
PROTECT ITS INTERESTS AND SECURE FAVORABLE NEW CONTRACTS.
SOME EDITORIAL CONCERN THAT SOVIET DUMPING CRUEY PRODUCTS
WILL HAVE ADVERSE EFFECT IRANIAN ECONOMY. KAYAN ANGRY
IRANIAN OIL OFFICIALS SILENT ON NATURE, PURPOSE OF TALKS. (UNCLAS)
6. SHAH'S BIRTHDAY: USUAL OUTPOURING PLEDGES LOVE, LOYALTY,
TRIBUTES TO HIS WISDOM, GUIDANCE AND CONCERN FOR PEOPLE. (UNCLAS)

7. KARAJ DAM: "ELELATT," "KAYHAN" BUT NOT SMALLER
PAPERS RHAPSODIZE OVER DEDICATION OF KARAJ BY SHAH.
CLAIM THAT NOW CRITICS OF LARGE DAMS WILL SEE BENEFICIAL
RESULTS IN POWER, WATER, IRRIGATION AND THAT NATIONS
EVERYWHERE WILL NOW RECOGNIZE IRAN AS MODERN INDUSTRIAL
COMPLEX. (UNCLASSIFIED)

8. SUSPENSION: FARMERS SUSPENDED WED OCT 25 FOR
PRINTING AMINI STATEMENT IRAN WOULD COLLAPSE UNLESS
CONDITIONS IMPROVED. AMINI'S STATEMENT REPORTEDLY MADE
IN REPLY TO PARIS STATEMENT OF SHAH THAT MONARCHY HAD RULED
FOR 2500 YEARS IN IRAN AND WOULD CONTINUE TO DO SO. (OF USE ONLY)

B. RADIO.

1. RADIO IRAN: WIDE NEWS COVERAGE 22ND CONGRESS,
SHARP EDITORIAL COMMENT DIFFERENCE BETWEEN K'S PROMISES
AND HIS ACTIONS. REMIND LISTENERS OF VIET NAM, HUNGARY,
BURMA, EAST BERLIN TO INDICATE K AND SOVIETS CRY FOR PEACE

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WHILE PURSUING WAR. CONTENT RADIO COMMENTS REGARDING 22ND CONGRESS, SOVIETS, K MORE BARED AND DIRECT THAN NEWSPAPERS.

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2. RADIO MOSCOW/NVI: RM LAUDED RUSSIAN DESIRE FOR FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH COUNTRIES HAVING DIFFERENT SOCIAL, POLITICAL SYSTEMS, CITING AS EXAMPLES AFGHANISTAN, FINLAND, AUSTRIA, SWEDEN; ATTACKED "RULING CLASSES" OF IRAN, PAKISTAN, JAPAN FOR CONTINUED SUBSERVIENCE TO WESTERN DOMINATIONS, CITING SHAH AS OUTSTANDING EXAMPLE WHO HAS GONE SO FAR AS TO APPROVE TURNING NEARLY HALF HIS OWN COUNTRY INTO ATOMIC "DEATH ZONE" TO HELP CENTO. NOTED U.S., BRITISH, FRENCH PILOTS' PARTICIPATION IN AIR FORCE WEEK AIR SHOWS OVER IRAN. SAID GEN HEJAZI IN SPEECH PRAISED POWER, CAPABILITY U.S. MILITARY EQUIPMENT; SUGGESTED GEN NAQDI, WHOSE PARATROOPER SON-IN-LAW AND OTHERS KILLED IN CRASH OF ONE OF "DILAPIDATED" DAKOTA AIRCRAFT FOISTED ON IRANIANS, COULD ADD REMARKS RE QUALITY OF U.S. EQUIPMENT.

NVI QUOTED RM FRIENDLY-RELATIONS ITEM, ELABORATING UPON ANTI-RULING CLASSIPND SHAH ATTACK. SNEERED AT U.S. PLANES' APPEARANCE IN TEHRAN DURING AIR FORCE WEEK, SAYING THAT IF U.S. PLANES UNABLE TO FLY "FIFTY KILOMETERS" TO CUBA TO SUPPORT IMPERIALIST PUPPETS THERE, HOW WILL THEY FLY 15,000 KILOMETERS TO IRAN TO SUPPORT SHAH? IN CONNECTION WITH UNITED NATIONS DAY, CRITICIZED IRANIAN DELEGATION WHICH, UNLIKE "TRUE NEUTRALS" SUCH AS GHUPA,

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TUNISIA, MOROCCO, REPRESENTS ONLY INTERESTS OF U.S., ENGLISH, FRENCH IMPERIALISTS. (UNCLASSIFIED)

III. MILITARY.

A. ARMY

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B. NAVY

NEGATIVE

C. AIR FORCE.

1. IIAF AIR SHOWS COMMEMORATING IIAF WEEK HELD AT MEHRABAD AIRPORT, TEHRAN OCT 20. AND AGAIN AT VARDATI AIR BASE, DEZFUL, ON OCT 24. LATTER OBSERVED BY SHAH AND INCLUDED FIREPOWER DEMONSTRATION BY IIAF F-86'S. PROGRAM INCLUDED AEROBATIC DEMONSTRATIONS BY IIAF GOLDEN LUROWS AND USAFE SKYBLAZERS, STATIC LINE AND DELAYED OPENING PARACHUTE JUMPS. BY IRANIAN ARMY PARAT USAF FREE-FALL ARTISTS. EARLIER SHOW OMITTED FIREPOWER PORTION BUT INCLUDED ADDITIONAL AEROBATICS BY RAF BLUE DIAMONDS AND FRENCH AIR FORCE PATROUILLE DE FRANCE. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: ENTIRE WEEK CONSIDERED EMINENTLY SUCCESSFUL IN ENHANCING IIAF PRESTIGE. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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I. POLITICAL.

A. INTERNAL

1. ELECTIONS: ELECTION TALK CONTINUES AT HIGH RATE. AMONG CONSERVATIVES, HOWEVER, THERE APPEARS BE SLIGHT DAMPENING OF ARDOR TO EXPOSING SELVES ON THIS ISSUE. HIGHLY-TOUTED PRESS CONFERENCE OCT 28 AT WHICH EX-MAJLIS SPEAKER HEKMAT WAS EXPECTED RAIL AGAINST GOVERNMENT FOR DELAYING ELECTIONS FAILED PRODUCE ANY FIREWORKS. ONLY WHEN PRESSED BY REPORTERS DID HEKMAT DECLARE CONSTITUTION CANNOT BE SUSPENDED AND THAT ANY DECREE OR RULE ENACTED IN ABSENCE OF MAJLIS IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL. OTHERS, INCLUDING FORMER PRES OF SENATE, EVEN MORE SILENT.

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NATIONAL FRONT HAS ATTRACTED LITTLE ATTENTION PAST
FEW WEEKS IN ITS CONTINUING CAMPAIGN FOR ELECTIONS BUT
HAS PASSED WORD MEMORIAL CEREMONY MARKING FORTIETH DAY
AFTER DEATH OF HASAN SHAMSHIRI (WEEKA 42) WILL BE HELD
NOV 11 AND HOPES FOR LARGE TURNOUT WHICH CAN BE USED
FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

COMMENT:

MEKMAT'S LAME PERFORMANCE AND RELUCTANCE OF OTHER
CONSERVATIVES COMMENT FURTHER ON ELECTIONS GENERALLY
REGARDED AS EVIDENCE OF INSTRUCTIONS FROM SHAH TO LAY
OFF ELECTION ISSUE. (CONFIDENTIAL)

2. OPEC CONFERENCE: CONF ORG PETROLEUM
EXPORTING COUNTRIES HELD TEHRAN OCTOBER 28 - NOVEMBER 1.
ALL MEMBERS PRESENT EXCEPT IRAQ. PRESS SAYS RESOLUTIONS
WILL BE ANNOUNCED NOVEMBER 15. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT:

IRAQI ABSENCE ATTRIBUTED TO "PRESSURE OF WORK"
IN LETTER TO OPEC BY IRAQI PETROLEUM MINISTER.
THOUGH AGENDA INCLUDED ITEMS ON OIL PRICES AND OIL
COMPANIES' PROFITS, NOT BELIEVED LIKELY CONF TOOK
DEFINITIVE DECISIONS THESE SENSITIVE ISSUES. (SEE EMBTEL
343) (CONFIDENTIAL)

3. SHAH'S ACTIVITIES: SHAH OFFICIATED AT CONCRETE-
POURING CEREMONY DEZ DAM OCT 30; RECEIVED DIGNITARIES,
PROVINCIAL REPRESENTATIVES ON CROWN PRINCE'S BIRTHDAY OCT 31;

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AND USED LATTER OCCASION PARDON PRISONERS, WHICH PRESS
REPORTED NUMBERED 248, INCLUDING OVER 100 EX-TUDEH MILITARY
OFFICERS. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT:

LIST OF PRISONERS RELEASED HAS NOT BEEN DISCLOSED. (UNCLAS)
4. PAHLAVI FOUNDATION: IN PRESS CONFERENCE NOV 1,
ASADOLLAH ALAM SAID STUDY FINANCIAL POSITION NEWLY-ENDOWED
FOUNDATION (WEEKA 40) WOULD SOON BE COMPLETED, AND ANNOUNCED
FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS: DR MUSA AMID,
JUDICIAL ADVISOR; DR JAHANSHAH SALEH, HEALTH ADVISOR; TAHER
ZIAI, INDUSTRIAL ADVISOR; DR MOHAMAD BAKERI, EDUCATION
ADVISOR; MRS FARIDEH DIBA, MOTHER OF QUEEN FARAH, AS
SUPERVISOR FOR ORPHANAGES AND AID TO NEEDY MOTHERS; AND
DR QOLAM HOSEIN JAHANSHAH AS DEPUTY MANAGING DIRECTOR. (UNCLAS)

COMMENT:

APPOINTMENTS OF EX-MAJLIS VICE PRESIDENT, TWO EX-CABINET
MINISTERS AND MOTHER OF THE QUEEN APPEAR CALCULATED LEND
PRESTIGE; ADD SOME STRENGTH TO MANAGEMENT OF NEW ENDOWMENT.
CURIOS THAT RELIGIOUS OFFICIAL AND ADVISOR NOT YET
APPOINTED. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

II. PSYCHOLOGICAL

A. PRESS

1. NUCLEAR TESTING: OUTRAGED CRIES CONTINUE FROM
SMALL PAPERS, SEVERAL NOTING TESTS PROVE TOTAL SOVIET

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INDIFFERENCE FATE OF REST OF WORLD. SETAREH TEHRAN, NOTING
FINAL CONDEMNATION OF STALIN BY 22ND CONGRESS, SAYS BEHAVIOR
PRESENT GOVT FAR MORE DESTRUCTIVE THAN ANYTHING STALIN
DID. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT:

FIRMS FANNED MEANWHILE BY SEPARATE STATEMENTS BY
THREE NOTED IRANIAN PHYSICISTS ON POTENTIAL EFFECTS
FALLOUT ON IRAN. (UNCLASSIFIED)

2. GERMAN PROBLEM: CONTINUE ONE OF TOP FRONT
PAGE STORIES, THOUGH COMMENT LIGHT. ETELAAT, ALSO HUSHMAND,
NOTED WESTERN FIRMNESS HAD BROUGHT SOVIET RETREAT ON BERLIN,
FORMER NOTING HOWEVER GERMAN POLICY TOWARDS E. EUROPE HAD
ONLY PROVOKED NATURAL HATRED THAT AREA FOR GERMANS,
STRENGTHENING SOVIET POSITION; APPLAUDED ALLEGED ADENAUER
OFFER OF NONAGGRESSION GUARANTEE TO THESE NATIONS. TWO
PAPERS NOTED DIFFERENCES AMONGST ALLIES, ONE CLAIMING U.S.
WOULD NOT BE SUPPORTED IN CASE ARMED CONFLICT OVER BERLIN. (UNCLAS)

3. 22ND CONGRESS: CONSIDERABLE CONFUSED COMMENT
SMALL PAPERS. ONE SAID 50-MEGATON BOMB DESIGNED CLOUD
OVER DIFFERENCES WITH RED CHINA, WHILE ANOTHER OPINED
DIFFERENCES LESS THAN THOSE WITHIN WESTERN CAMP. SCANT
COMMENT ON STALIN DENIGRATION WAS MOCKING, NOTING IT WOULD
BE KRUSHCHEV'S TURN NEXT. ONE SAID TASS STATEMENT ON
IMPROVED RELATIONS IRAN STEMMED FROM SHARP IRANIAN REACTION

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KHRUSHCHEV CONGRESS ATTACK ON SHAH.(UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT:

KHRUSHCHEV ATTACK LARGELY SUPPRESSED ON GOVT
INSTRUCTIONS, THEREFORE NOT WIDELY KNOWN.(OFFICIAL USE ONLY.)

4. DAMS: SMALL PAPERS THIS WEEK JOINED CHORUS OF
PRAISE FOR KARAJ DAM; ADDITIONAL IMPETUS GIVEN BY START
WORK ON DEZ DAM, WHICH ALSO LAUDED.(UNCLSSIFIED)

COMMENT:

DAMS IN PAST POPULAR TOPIC FOR CARPING, CLAIMS OF
CORRUPTION, MISMANAGEMENT, WASTE. COMPLETION ONE DAM,
ESPECIALLY IF FOLLOWED BY SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION MORE
IMPRESSIVE SEFID RUD DAM, MAY CLEAR AIR, BEGIN PAY
DIVIDENDS IN GOVT/GJS PUBLIC RELATIONS.(UNCLASSIFIED)

5. AMINI: STILL ABUNDANT CRITICISM, MOSTLY
SMALL PAPERS, OF DO-NOTHING TALK-MUCH GOVT, WORRIES
OVER LENGTH OF INTERREGNUM, CALLS FOR EARLY ELECTIONS.
LITTLE SUPPORT GOVT POSITION, THOUGH PEYQAM EMRUZ
EXPRESSED IRRITATION THAT MANY DEMANDING ELECTIONS
WERE MERE OPPORTUNISTS OUT FOR PERSONAL GAIN.(UNCLAS)

6. SUSPENSIONS: BAN ON ANTI-GOVT, ANTI-AMERICAN
DIPLOMAT LIFTED, BUT PAPER APPEARING IN ONLY TWO PAGE,
ONE OF THEM GOVT ADVERTISEMENTS, THE OTHER INNOCUOUS
NEWS; COMMENTARIES EVASIVE. TWO OTHER RECENT SUSPENSIONS
APPAR ROUTINE.(UNCLASSIFIED)

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B. RADIO

1. RADIO MOSCOW-NVI: RM CRITICIZED CENTO
AND ITS COSTLY ECONOMICALLY USELESS "MILITARIZING" OF
MEMBER COUNTRIES FOR BENEFIT OF ITS AMERICAN, BRITISH
"MASTERS." CITED BANDAR PAHLAVI-KHORRAMSHahr ROAD, KHORRAM-
SHahr AND BADAR SHAHPUR PORT CONSTRUCTIONN EXTENSION IRAN-
TURKEY RAILROAD, AIRPORT CONSTRUCTION AT DEZFUL, MEHRABAD,
ABADAN, ESFAHAN, TABRIZ, AND CONSTRUCTION AT KHARG ISLAND
ES EXAMPLES OF PRIMARILY MILITARY PROJECTS FOR WHICH U.S.
SEEKS TO HAVE POOR PEOPLE OF IRAN PAY MOST OF COST.

NVI PROTESTED BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION FOR CROWN
PRINCE REZA, "HEIR TO SHAH'S USURPED PROPERTY AND
TO HIS PLACE IN RANKS OF IMPERIALIST SPIES," SAYING
CELEBRATION BELONGS ONLY TO REACTIONARIES, FEUDALISTS.
NOTED INCREASING RUMORS OF IMPENDING REPLACEMENT OF AMINI'S
"AMERICAN CABINET" BY A BAKHTIAR "AMERICAN CABINET," SAYING
THIS MARKS REVIVAL OF ABORTIVE BAKHTIAR COUP PREVIOUSLY
PLANNED FOR LAST MAY 23, DURING SHAH'S NORWAY VISIT, WHICH
FAILED WHEN AMINI LEARNED OF PLOT AND TELEGRAPHED SHAH TO
RETURN EARLY. CLAIMED SECRET DOCUMENTS OF U.S. EMBASSY,
TEHRAN IN NVI POSSESSION DESCRIBE TAPE-RECORDED MAY 15
CONNERENCE IN EMBASSY ATTENDSD BY BAKHTIAR, AMBASSADOR
HOLMES, TOP U.S. EMBASSY OFFICIALS AND MILITARY ADVISORS,

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IN WHICH AND SAID AMINI, DESPITE CLOSENESS TO U.S.,
UNABLE TO STOP EXPANSION NATIONALIST MOVEMNT. ALLEGED
THAT, SECRET EMBASSY DOCUMENTS SHOW IRANIAN ARMY UNITS
WHICH WERE TO PARTICIPATE HAD BEEN ARMED BY ORDER OF
GENERAL HAKDEN, AND THAT BAKHTIAR HAD DISTRIBUTED LARGE
SUMS OF MONEY RECEIVED FROM U.S. ESPIONAGE AGENTS IN
TEHRAN, PARTLY TO BRIBE EDITORS OF NEWSPAPER FARMAN,
JAHAN, MELLIVUN, NEDAYE SEPEHR, AT TIME AMINI FOILED
PLOT. SAID U.S. NOW AGAIN "PLAYING ITS DIRTY GAME." (UNCLAS)
COMMENT:

AMB HOLMES DID NOT REPLACE AMB WAILES UNTIL MID-JUNE.

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III. MILITARY

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JOINT WEEKA 47

I. POLITICAL

A. INTERNAL

1. ANTI CORRUPTION CAMPAIGN: DURING PAST WEEK APPEALS COURT UPHELD EBTEHAJ ARREST (WEEKA 46). RESULT IS CONTINUED DETENTION, INVESTIGATION PENDING DECISION ENTER FORMAL CHARGES. FORMER MAYOR TEHRAN FATHOLLAH FORUD ARRESTED NOV 15; REPORTEDLY ACCUSED OF SELLING MUNICIPAL LAND TO CONCERN HE OWNED, AND BEING GUILTY OF MISAPPROPRIATION, ABUSE OF AUTHORITY IN MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS. CIVIL SERVICE TRIBUNAL ALSO ARRESTED AHMAD MAJIDIAN, FORMER PRESIDENT BANK MELLI, REPORTEDLY FOR INVOLVEMENT IN MISAPPROPRIATION PUBLIC FUNDS. MAJIDIAN RELEASED ON HEAVY BAIL. SAME TRIBUNAL ALSO PROCEEDING WITH INTERROGATION NUMBER OTHER PROMINENT FORMER OFFICIALS AND ISSUED ARREST WARRANTS FOR EX-OFFICIALS OF PUBLIC OWNED CARPET COMPANY.

GOVT MEANWHILE ISSUED DENIAL IT PLANNED MASS ARRESTS OF FORMER HIGH-RANKING OFFICIALS, MAJLIS DEPUTIES AND SENATORS; SAID PERSONS SPREADING SUCH RUMORS AIM CREATE UNREST AND PUBLIC APPREHENSION. MIN JUSTICE ALAMUTI COMMENTED ANY ARRESTS MADE "ARE WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF EXISTING LAWS AND REGULATIONS." IN ADDRESS TO MIN JUSTICE OFFICIALS NOV 23, PRIMIN AMINI OBSERVED THERE HAS BEEN MARKED IMPROVEMENT IN CONDUCT OF GOVT EMPLOYEES, ASSERTED THAT JUDICIARY WAS ABSOLUTELY INDEPENDENT AND FREE OF GOVT INTERFERENCE, AND REFUTED CHARGES THAT ARREST WARRANTS AGAINST LEADING POLITICIANS OF PREVIOUS REGIMES WERE ISSUED AT GOVT'S BEQUEST.

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AMINI ALSO CHARGED RIGHTIST OPPOSITION WITH TRYING COVER ITS OWN MISDEEDS BY FABRICATING CHARGES THAT GOVT WAS TRYING MAKE POLITICAL CAPITAL OUT OF TRIALS. (UNCLAS)

COMMENT: PROSECUTION EFFECTIVE ANTI-CORRUPTION DRIVE WITHOUT SHATTERING MORALE PUBLIC AGENCIES OBVIOUSLY DELICATE PROBLEM FOR GOVT. CONTINUED DETENTION EBTEHAJ EMBARRASSING TO AMINI, DISRUPTIVE PLAN ORG MORALE AND ENDANGERS FUTURE DEVELOPMENT PROSPECTS, U.S. INTERESTS. (CONFIDENTIAL)

B. EXTERNAL

1. IRAN-UN: IN TALK WITH FONMIN OUR AMBASSADOR RAISED MATTER OF IRAN'S VOTE IN FAVOR "BAN THE BOMB" RESOLUTION. FORMER EXPRESSED SURPRISE THAT IRAN DEL HAD VOTED FOR RESOLUTION AND SAID HE READILY UNDERSTOOD IMPLICATION. PROMISED INSTRUCT IRANIAN AMB TO CHANGE VOTE, IF POSSIBLE, DURING PLENARY SESSION. (CONFIDENTIAL)

II. PSYCHOLOGICAL

A. PRESS

1. SHAH'S FIRMAN: (WEEKA 46, 1-A) FLOOD OF COMMENT VIRTUALLY EXCLUDED OTHER TOPICS. MANY PAPERS PRAISED FIRMAN AS SHOWING SHAH'S CONCERN FOR PEOPLE; NOTED SHAH'S SUPPORT OF GOVT IS UNPRECEDENTED; CALLED FOR FULL SUPPORT OF PEOPLE, INCLUDING SACRIFICES; CALLED ON AMINI TO PUSH AHEAD DISREGARDING OPPOSITION; STRESSED AMINI NOW HAS NO EXCUSE FOR MUCH TALK NO ACTION: HAILED IMPENDING SUPPRESSION OF CORRUPTION; OFFERED ADVICE (THIS BEING PRINCIPAL PREOCCUPATION OF MAJOR DAILIES. SOME PAPERS NOTED FIRMAN IN EFFECT DIRECTED AGAINST RIGHT-WING OPPOSITION; CALLED FOR ELIMINATION INFLUENCE OF "1,000 FAMILIES." ETELAAT NOTED WITH SOME AWE THAT SHAH HAD PUT HIS EXPLICIT INSTRUCTIONS IN WRITING TO OBLViate ANY POSSIBILITY MISINTERPRETATION; HIS FULL SUPPORT FOR GOVT ASSURED IT AGAINST ANY THREATS. KAYHAN SAID GOVT NEED HESITATE NO MORE, ONLY PUSH AHEAD. ESLAHATE IRAN, FARMAN FLATLY SAID THEY OPPOSED TO AMINI BUT WOULD SUPPORT AS LONG AS HE CARRIED OUT FIRMAN. OF OUTRIGHT OPPOSITION PAPERS, SOME REMAINED NON-COMMITTED, BUT BAMSHAD AND JEHN CONTINUED DIEHARD, NOT DARING OPPOSE SHAH'S ACTION BUT OPINING AMINI "HASNT GOT WHAT IT TAKES." THOUGH MANY PAPERS PRAISED PRINCIPAL OF LOCAL DEMOCRACY, A FEW WONDERED HOW A GOVT WHICH ADMITTED IT UNABLE HOLD HONEST NATIONAL ELECTIONS

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HOPED TO HOLD HONEST LOCAL ONES. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: PAPERS COULD HARDLY OPPOSE AMINI WITHOUT SEEMING TO OPPOSE SHAH. WITH AS LITTLE ILL GRACE AS POSSIBLE HAVE ACCEPTED FACT AMINI GOVT FIRM FOR TIME BEING. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

2. EBTEHAJ ARREST: LAST WEEK'S FUROR LARGELY SUBSIDED, THOUGH SOME SMALL PAPERS STILL COMMENTING ALONG SAME LINES. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: BESIDES BEING DROWNED OUT BY SHAH'S FIRMAN, THIS ISSUE MAY BE JUST ASLEEP PENDING ACTION ON CASE. (UNCLAS)

3. TUDEH-NATIONAL FRONT: SEVERAL PAPERS, PUBLISHING SUMMARY OF PORTIONS OF TUDEH PARTY LEADER RADMANESH'S SPEECH TO 22ND CONGRESS CPSU WHICH TENDED IDENTIFY MOSADEQ WITH COMPARTE, FURTHER STRESSED COMMUNIST NATIONAL FRONT LINK IN COMMENTARY (THOUGH ONE CALLED ON MOSADEQ TO DENOUNCE THIS CALUMNY). (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: SPEECH PUBLISHED PRAVDA 28 OCT. SIMULTANEOUS APPEARANCE LOCAL COMMENT INDICATES STORIES PROBABLY FED (BEING SERVICED) BY GOVT. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

B. RADIO

1. RADIO MOSCOW/NVI/PEYKE-IRAN: RM SAID SHAH'S FIRMAN BACKING AMINI MERELY INTENSIFIES INTERNAL OPPOSITION AND PEOPLES DISGUST; SAID PEOPLE HAVE HEARD GLOWING PROMISES OFTEN BEFORE, BUT NEED RESTORATION DEMOCRATIC FREEDOMS, END TO OPPRESSION SHAH'S GOVT RATHER THAN BEAUTIFUL WORDS. SAID FIRMAN ACTUALLY INTENSIFIES MILITARY-POLICE DICTATORSHIP, INCREASES AUTHORITY FOR AMINI GOVT'S "ILLEGAL" ACTIVITIES, FURTHER POSTPONES ELECTIONS; SAID IRANIAN PRESS PREDICTING GOVT NOW WILL ORDER WIDESPREAD ARRESTS OF OPPONENTS. MAJOR JALAL MORTAZAVI, IRANIAN DEFECTOR, TOLD OF WITNESSING IRANIAN EMBASSY NO-RUZ PARTY AT STATLER HOTEL, WASHINGTON, AT WHICH IRANIAN STUDENT MAKING SPEECH ABOUT MOSADEQ AND OIL NATIONALIZATION WAS REMOVED, BEATEN AND DELIVERED TO AMERICAN POLICE BY AMB ZAHEDI AND EMBASSY STAFF. MORTAZAVI SAID CONTRARY TO U. S. PROPAGANDA HE HAD FOUND POLITICAL FREEDOM LACKING IN AMERICA JUST AS IN IRAN; CLAIMED THAT IN U. S., PERSONS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO DISCUSS POLITICS OR STAGE DEMONSTRATIONS. PM CONTINUED BLAST AMERICAN

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ADVISORS' ALLEGED CONTROL OVER IRANIAN MINISTRIES AND
MILITARY FORCES, AND PROFITS TAKEN OUT OF IRAN BY FOREIGN
COMPANIES, E.G., STANDARD OIL OF NEW JERSEY; CONTINUED
CALL FOR NEUTRALIST FOREIGN POLICY.

INTERFERENCE CONTINUES PREVENT RECEPTION NVI.

RADIO PEYKE-IRAN SAID IRAN GOV PUBLISHED DOCUMENT
ALLEGING TUDEH INFILTRATION NATIONAL FRONT IN EFFORT
STRIKE AT ALL OPPOSITION PARTIES IRAN. (UNCLASSIFIED)

III. MILITARY

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- B. NAVY-NEGATIVE
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JOINT WEEKA 48

I. POLITICAL

A. INTERNAL

1. ANTI-CORRUPTION DEVELOPMENTS: PRESS REPORTED
INTERROGATION NOV. 29 GEN. ALI AKBAR ZARQAM, EX-MIN FINA BSQ,
ANDNRX-MIN CUSTOMS AND MONOPOLIES. ZARQAM UNDER ARREST
SINCE MAY 13 (WEEKA 20). CURRENT QUESTIONING ZCID (AS RECEIVED) CONCERN
DEPOSITS TO ZARQAM'S PRIVATE ACCOUNTS BY FOREIGN CONTRACTORS.

PRESS ALSO REPORTED MIN JUSTICE OFFICIALS ARE
PREPARING MEASURE WHICH, ON BASIS OF CABINET APPROVAL AND
SHAH'S CONSENT, WILL AUTHORIZE PROSECUTION OF FORMER MINISTERS
IN ABSENCE MAJLIS CONSENT.

FORMER DIR STATE RAILWAYS AND EX-DEP MIN ROADS ACCUSED
MISAPPROPRIATION AND EMBEZZLEMENT; ARRESTED NOV. 25.

OTHER INVESTIGATIONS UNDERWAY INVOLVE EX-MIN ITT
AMIR QASEM ESHRAQI, EX-MIN CUSTOMS AND MONOPOLIES MUSA KHATATA
OFFICIALS FROM MIN AGRICULTURE, MIN EDUCATION, BANK MELLI,
TOBACCO MONOPOLY, IRANIAN CARPET CO., AND TWO FORMER MAYORS
OF TEHRAN. (UNCLASSIFIED)

2. EBTEHAJ CASE: FORMER PLAN ORG DIR AHMAD ARAMESH
QUESTIONED NOV. 27 ON REPORT HE PRESENTED TO MAJLIS EARLIER
IN YEAR WHICH ALLEGED EBTEHAJ WASTED PLAN FUNDS ON COSTLY SHOW
PROJECTS, EXORBITANT FEES TO FOREIGN CONSULTANT AND CRITICIZED
KHUZESTAN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT.

AT NOV. 28 NEWS CONFERENCE EBTEHAJ DEFENSE ATTORNEY
CLOSED BASIC CHARGE AGAINST FORMER CONCERNS CONTRACT FOR
KHUZESTAN PROJECT WITH CONSULTANTS LILIENTHAL AND CLAPP WITHOUT

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MAJLIS AND GOVT APPROVAL AND IN CONTRAVENTION PLAN ORG LAW. ATTORNEY PRODUCED LETTER FROM HESIEN ALA, PRIMIN AT TIME, REPORTEDLY QUOTING MAJLIS COMMITTEE APPROVAL AND GOVT CONFIRMATION PRIOR CONTRACT SIGNING. IN REFUTING ADDITIONAL CHARGE THAT EBTEHAJ SPENT EXCESSIVE SUMS ON PROJECTS, SAME LAWYER ASKED WHY, FOLLOWING EBTEHAJ RESIGNATION, GOVT NOT ONLY RENEWED CONSULTANTS' CONTRACT BUT INCREASED FEES, IF IT NOW FELT THEIR COSTS WERE EXCESSIVE AND SERVICES UNNECESSARY. (UNCLASSIFIED)

3. AMINI ADDRESS TO ETTELAAT INSTITUTION: AMINI ATTACKED BOTH LEFT AND RIGHT WING OPPONENTS OF HIS GOVT IN VIGOROUS, SARCASTIC TERMS DURING PUBLIC SPEECH NOVEMBER 27. DISPARAGING CONSERVATIVE CRITICISM AS BASED ON FEAR OF CORRUPTION TRIALS AND DESIRE BRING DOWN GOVT, HE PROMISED WAR ON DISHONEST OFFICIALS WOULD CONTINUE UNTIL COUNTRY WAS RID OF CORRUPTION. ADDED THAT REASON FOR SLOW MOVEMENT OF TRIALS WAS TO INSURE THAT ACCUSED HAD AMPLE OPPORTUNITY CLEAR SELVES. TURNING TO NATIONALISTS, AMINI RIDICULED NF FOR CONSCRIPTING TEENAGERS INTO DISTRIBUTING UNSIGNED LEAFLETS, SAID GOVT HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO ARREST THEM.

AMINI COUNTERED CRITICISM OF GOVT'S PLAN TO HOLD LOCAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS PRIOR TO GENERAL ELECTIONS BY SAYING THAT PROVINCIAL POLLING WAS DESIGNED AFFORD PRACTICE IN DEMOCRACY, NOT TO OBSTRUCT OR POSTPONE ELECTIONS FOR MAJLIS. FAILURE OF PREVIOUS DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS, HE SAID, DOES NOT MEAN DEMOCRACY IS IMPOSSIBLE IN IRAN. ADDED THAT SHAH IS GREATEST UPHOLDER OF CONSTITUTION, AND WANTS "ABSOLUTELY FREE AND FAIR ELECTIONS" SO THAT THERE WILL BE NO FURTHER NEED DISSOLVE MAJLIS. (OFLUSE)

4. NF DEMONSTRATION PLANS: ACCORDING CAE REPORT NATIONAL FRONT PLANS STAGE PUBLIC DEMONSTRATION DEC. 5. GOVT REQUESTED PERMIT MEETING BUT NF EXPECTS REFUSAL. THEME OF MEETING WILL BE PROTEST AGAINST UNCONSTITUTIONAL TENURE OF PRESENT GOVT. NF PLANS PRINT MILLION LEAFLETS, MAJLIS INVITATIONS TO DEMONSTRATION. SECOND LEAFLET, HOWEVER, WILL DEAL WITH EVENTS 54 YEARS AGO WHEN AMINI'S UNCLE MOHAMAD ALI SHAH ATTEMPTED BECOME DICTATOR AND PEOPLE MARCHED ON TEHRAN FORCING HIM TAKE REFUGE IN SOV EMBASSY. IF PERMISSION DENIED, NF IS SAID BE PREPARED GO INTO STREETS IN PROTEST. REPORTEDLY DEMONSTRATORS WILL BE ADVISED FIGHT BACK IF GOVT ATTEMPTS USE FORCE. NF BELIEVES TOP LEADERS MAY BE ARRESTED AND IF THIS IS CASE HOPES BAZAAR AND UNIVERSITY WILL DECLARE GENERAL STRIKE. SECOND DEMONSTRATION PLANNED DEC. 7, MARKING ANNIVERSARY DEATH OF THREE STUDENTS ON TEHRAN UNIVERSITY CAMPUS IN 1953. THIS SCHEDULED BE PRIMARILY UNIVERSITY AFFAIR. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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5. PL-480 REQUEST: COUNTRY TEAM THIS WEEK RECOMMENDED APPROVAL GOI REQUEST FOR PL-480 TITLE I PROGRAM COMPRISING 100,000 TONS WHEAT, 27,000 TONS RICE, AND 10,000 TONS EDIBLE OILS.
COMMENT: WHEAT AND RICE CROP THIN WITH RESULTANT PRESSURE PRICE LEVELS THESE BASIC FOODS. SERIOUS SITUATION PREDICTABLE UNLESS SUBSTANTIAL SHIPMENTS REACH IRANIAN PORTS PRIOR MID-MARCH (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

II. PSYCHOLOGICAL

A. PRESS

1. AMINI: SHAH'S FIRMAN, ANTI-CORRUPTION CAMPAIGN, DOINGS OF MAINI GOVT CONTINUED OVERSHADOW OTHER TOPICS IN PRESS COVERAGE, COMMENTARY. PAPERS CONTINUED QUALIFIED SUPPORT FOR GOVT. AS EXECUTOR WISHES OF SHAH, THOUGH SOME STILL NOTING AMINI NOW HAS NO EXCUSE FOR INACTION. SEVERAL GRATIFIED PM AT WAR WITH HIS OWN CLASS, CLAIM NO REFORM POSSIBLE WITHOUT SACRIFICE OF "1,000 FAMILIES," CRY FOR THEIR SCALPS. NORMALLY ANTI-GOVT PAPERS STILL CRITICAL, BUT WITH TEMPERED TONE, BAMSHAD ALLOWING EVEN AMINI'S OPPONENTS AGREE HE ONE OF ABLEST OF IRANIANS, BUT WITHOUT CHANGES IN CABINET AMINI MUST FAIL, "DESPITE HIS PERSONAL ABILITY." CALL FOR CABINET CHANGES ALSO FROM PRO-GOVT SETAREH TEHRAN. ELECTIONS ISSUE MUZD. (AS RECEIVED) SEDAYE MARDOM, THOUGH STRONGLY PRO-PARLIAMENT, AGREE GOVT SHOULD HAVE TWO TO THREE YEARS TO EXPERIMENT WITHOUT MAJLIS. RE ANTI-CORRUPTION CAMPAIGN, STILL CONSIDERABLE GRATIFICATION MIXED WITH SKEPTICISM. (UNCLASSIFIED)

2. STUDENTS: PM'S SYMPATHETIC REFERENCE TO STUDENT DISCOURAGEMENTS AT ETTELAAT CLUB NOTED WITH GRATITUDE BY TWO SMALL PAPERS, SEVERAL OTHERS JOINING IN TO WARN STUDENTS AGAINST BEING ASTRAY BY PROVOCATEURS UNDER ALIEN INFLUENCE. FARMAN ADDED THAT NATIONAL FRONT IS MERE TOOL OF COMMUNISTS; ALSO SAID SOME PROFESSORS UNDER COMMUNIST SWAY. (UNCLASSIFIED)

3. TEST-BAN TALKS: THOUGH THEME GOT FAIR PRESS COVERAGE, NO BANNER HEADLINES; ONLY COMMENT FROM SMALL PRO-GOVT SETAREH TEHRAN, WHICH NOTED SOVIET OFFER IN KEEPING WITH WISHES OF WORLD, BUT DOUBTED SOVIET SINCERITY, OPENING REAL EXPLANATION IS FACT USSR NO LONGER NEEDS MAKE FURTHER TESTS (UNCLASSIFIED)
COMMENT: SCANT INTEREST SYMPTOM OF EXTREME SKEPTICISM RE POSSIBILITIES AGREEMENT. (UNCLASSIFIED)

B. RADIO

1. RADIO MOSCOW/NVI/RADIO PEYK-E IRAN: RM ATTACKED AMINI GOVT, SHAH'S FIRMAN BACKING AMINI, AND IRAN'S FAILURE TO ADOPT NEUTRALIST POLICY, USING FAMILIAR ARGUMENTS, E.G., WESTERN IMPERIALISTS USING SEMI-COLONY IRAN FOR OWN ADVANTAGE WHILE PEOPLE'S PLIGHT WORSENS. SAID IRANIAN PEOPLE, LIKE

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FINNISH PEOPLE, WANT GOOD RELATIONS WITH USSR, BUT UNRESPONSIVE GOVT REFUSES BECAUSE TIED TO WESTERN MASTERS; SAID "SOCIALIST" COUNTRIES OFFER THEIR SINCERE, DISPASSIONATE AID TO STRUGGLERS OF COLONIAL AND CAPTIVE PEOPLES, INCLUDING IRAN.

HAVE NOT RECEIVED AGAIN THIS WEEK

PEYK-E IRAN (BROADCASTING FROM EAST GERMANY) ATTACKED SHAH'S FIRMAN, "COUP REGIME," RULING CLASS IN TERMS RESEMBLING USUAL NVI FARE. SAID SHAH IN FIRMAN DECLARED IF LAND REFORM LAW FOUND NOT PRACTICABLE, SHOULD BE MODIFIED; CLAIMED THIS SHOWS "COUP REGIME" INTENDS KEEP PEASANTS WAITING, USING PRETEXT THAT LAW NOT PRACTICABLE. SAID PEOPLE KNOW MOST IMPORTANT OBSTACLE TO LAND REFORM IS "COUP REGIME" ITSELF, HEADED BY SHAH; ASKED WHO WOULD BELIEVE SHAH AND AMINI, REPRESENTATIVES OF "LAND-GRABBING" CLASS AND 1,000-FAMILIES, WILL EVER GIVE THOUGHT TO PEASANTS. CALLED FOR OVERTHROW OF SHAH'S REGIME. (UNCLASSIFIED)

III. MILITARY

A. ARMY

1. TUDEH ACTIVITIES: 35 IRANIAN ARMY NCO'S AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL RECENTLY PICKED UP AND INTERROGATED FOR ALLEGED POLITICAL ACTIONS AGAINST THE STATE WHICH INCLUDE BOTH TUDEH AND NATIONALIST ACTIVITIES. 26 OF THESE PERSONS CAME FROM GROUPS OR "CELLS" IN ORDNANCE AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT, ENGLISH LANGUAGE SCHOOL AND IRANIAN AIR FORCE. INTERROGATIONS HAVE REVEALED 10-12 ADDITIONAL NAMES INCLUDING TWO OFFICERS. (SECRET)

COMMENT: BASED UPON INFORMATION OBTAINED ON RECENT FIELD TRIPS TO NORTHERN PROVINCES, ARMA STRONGLY SUSPECTS TUDEH ACTIVITIES MUCH MORE WIDESPREAD THAN IRANIAN INTELLIGENCE SOURCES PREPARED ADMIT. MANY COMMANDERS INDICATE THEY FEEL GOVT SPONSORED PARAMILITARY NATIONAL RESISTANCE ORGANIZATION IS PENETRATED BY TUDEH. THEY DENY TUDEH PENETRATION IN ARMY BUT ADMIT TUDEH ORGANIZATION IN INDUSTRIAL PLANTS, COAL MINES AND SIMILAR ACTIVITIES LOCATED IN THEIR AREAS. ARMA CONCLUDES THAT IF TUDEH ACTIVITIES ARE CAUSE OF CONCERN TO COMMANDERS, THERE CERTAINLY MUST BE MORE PENETRATION IN ARMY THAN THEY WILL ADMIT SINCE SOLDIERS RECRUITED FROM LOCAL AREAS MUST HAVE BEEN SUBJECT TO TUDEH INFLUENCE IN PREVIOUS EMPLOMENT. (SECRET)

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I. POLITICAL

A. INTERNAL

1. NATIONAL FRONT POSTPONES DEMONSTRATION STRONG GOVT. SECURITY MEASURES EVIDENTLY CONVINCED NF TO POSTPONE DEMONSTRATION SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 5 AT LEAST UNTIL MONTH OF DEY (WHICH BEGINS DECEMBER 22). GOVT. REFUSED PERMIT MEETING, MOVED TANKS, TROOPS INTO JALALIEH STADIUM, MAKING IT CLEAR THAT GOVT. HAS PREPARED HAND NF ANOTHER DEBACLE SIMILAR TO JULY 21. GOVT. ALSO CLEVERLY USED MODERATE NF LEADERSHIP BY HAMMERING AT THEME THAT DEMONSTRATION WAS COMMUNIST-INSPIRED SINCE, BY FALLING CLOSE TO AZERBAIJAN DAY, IT MUST BE PROTEST AGAINST 1946 EXPULSION OF REDS FROM NORTH.

STUDENTS, WITH SANCTION OF NF LEADERSHIP, STILL PLAN DEMONSTRATION ON CAMPUS GROUNDS DECEMBER 7 IN ANNUAL COMMEMORATION DEATH OF THREE TECHNOLOGY STUDENTS. (CONFIDENTIAL)

COMMENT: NF IS MOST VULNERABLE TO CHARGES THAT IT LACKS PURPOSE AND DETERMINATION; CONTINUED VACILLATION OVER THE QUESTION OF DEMONSTRATIONS MAY WELL CUT DEEPLY INTO ITS FOLLOWING. (CONFIDENTIAL)

2. ANTI-CORRUPTION CAMPAIGN: PRIMIN TOLD KAYHAN REPORTER NOV. 30 THAT JUDICIARY CANNOT AND WILL NOT TRY CABINET MINISTERS WITHOUT MAJLIS SANCTION. AMINI ADDED HOWEVER THAT "JSY CIAL AUTHORITIES MAY CALL IN FORMER MINISTERS FOR QUESTIONING IN ORDER COMPLETE CERTAIN CORRUPTION CASES." (UNCLASSIFIED)

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COMMENT: STATEMENT SQUELCHED PERSISTENT RUMOR THAT TRIALS OF FORMER MINISTERS NOW UNDER DETENTION WOULD BE AUTHORIZED PURSUANT SHAH'S RECENT FIRMAN. (WEEKA 48) (UNCLASSIFIED)

3. GOLD IMPORTS BANNED: CREDIT AND MONETARY CONTROL COUNCIL ON DEC. 3 BANNED GOLD IMPORTS, CITING USE OF GOLD BULLION AS PRINCIPAL MEDIUM PAYMENT FOR DOPE SMUGGLING. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: MOVE PLANNED SEVERAL MONTHS BY MIN. COMMERCE AND CENTRAL BANK, BOTH FOR CONTROL DOPE SMUGGLING, PARTICULARLY HEROIN AND TO STEM FOREIGN EXCHANGE OUTFLOW FOR GOLD IMPORTS, WHICH MORE THAN DOUBLED LAST FEW YRS, REACHING \$17 MILLION LAST YR. IMMEDIATE RACTION HAS BEEN DROP IN FREE MARKET FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES. (UNCLASSIFIED)

4. LAND REFORM: IN ADDRESS TO VILLAGE LEADERS FROM GILAN PROVINCE AND AGRARIAN DEVELOPMENT OFFICIALS PRIMIN AMINI SAID LAND REFORM, WITHIN LIMITATIONS PRESCRIBED BY GOVT., MUST BE IMPLEMENTED AND LANDOWNERS MUST APPRECIATE NEED FOR SOCIAL CHANGE. STRESSED FACT THAT DELAYS OF PROPOSED LAND REFORMS DO NOT IMPLY THAT PLANS HAVE BEEN ABANDONED. ALSO DECLARED THAT IF LAND REFORM IS NOT CARRIED OUT PROPERLY IT WILL BE DISASTROUS BUT IF NOT CARRIED OUT AT ALL "THERE WILL BE ANOTHER KIND OF DISASTER. (UNCLASSIFIED)

IN CONVERSATION WITH AGR ATTACHE, MIN AGR ARSENJANI STATED LAND REFORM LAW BEING REWRITTEN. ASKED IF THIS UNDER AUTHORITY RECENT FIRMAN, ARSENJANI REPLIED HE DIDN'T CARE WHAT AUTHORITY USED AS LONG AS COUNTERSIGNED BY SHAH. SAID HE PREPARED TO GO AHEAD WITH REFORMS EVEN IN KNOWLEDGE A FUTURE GOVT. MAY CALL HIM UP FOR QUESTIONING. (CONFIDENTIAL)

II. PSYCHOLOGICAL

A. PRESS

1. AMINI: COMMENT MUCH THE SAME AS LAST WEEK, WITH MOST PAPERS NOT UNFRIENDLY. JEHAN, BAMSAD CONTINUE DAILY ANTI-GOVT. COMMENT: FORMER SAYING GOVT., WHICH TALKS DEMOCRATIC BUT ACTS ABSOLUTIST, SHOULD MAKE UP MIND, LATTER BLASTING ANTI-CAMPAIGN (SUPPORTED BY MOST PAPERS) AS DIVERSIONARY SCHEME. STILL SOME APPLAUSE FOR ANTI-CORRUPTION MEASURES, THOUGH MELLIYUN DOUBTS SUCCESS OF ANY CAMPAIGN OF A CLASS AGAINST ITSELF. KAYHAN, NOTING RUMORS DECREES WILL BE ISSUED ENABLING TRIAL OF EX-MINISTERS,

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HOPING NO SUCH THING WILL HAPPEN; REASON: LEGAL BASIS JUST TOO SHAKY, GOVT. WON'T DARE. SMALL PAPERS STILL COMMENTING ON EBTEHAJ, SOME PROTESTING WASTE IS PUNISHABLE CRIME, BUT MORE DEFENDING EBTEHAJ'S HONESTY. ELECTIONS COMMENT SPARSE, THOUGH TWO PAPERS FIND LOCAL CELEBRATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS DAY IRONICAL SINCE INTERROGATION FLAGRANT VIOLATION BASIC HUMAN RIGHT. (UNCLASSIFIED)

2. STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS: SEVERAL SMALL PAPERS NOTE RUMORS THAT SUBVERSIVE ELEMENTS EXPECTED TO STIR UP TROUBLE ON CAMPUS, APPEAL TO STUDENTS TO BE WATCHFUL, FRUSTRATE ATTEMPT.

ONE SAYS GOVT. TREATING STUDENTS LIKE CHILDREN; THIS WILL ONLY AGGRAVATE TENSION. AUTHORITIES SHOULD ESTABLISH CLOSER CONTACTS WITH STUDENTS, UNDERSTAND THEM, TALK THINGS OVER WITH THEM. (UNCLASSIFIED)

3. US-USSR: TWO PAPERS STRESSED INTENSE SOVIET PUBLIC INTEREST IN IZVESTIYA INTERVIEW AS SIGN PUBLIC STARVED FOR FACTUAL NEWS. THOUGH POST TEHRAN SKEPTICAL USSR DESIRE RELAXATION TENSIONS, MOST PAPERS SEE IN INTERVIEW HOPE FOR PEACE. OF THESE, ONE SINGLES OUT AS MOST IMPORTANT, KENNEDY STATEMENT ON PEOPLE'S RIGHT TO CHOOSE REGIME, WHILE ANOTHER BLASTS THIS AS HYPOCRISY, AS A PRINCIPLE NOT PUT IN PRACTICE IN US FOREIGN POLICY, WHICH BRANDS ALL TRULY NATIONALIST REGIMES CORRUPT AND COMMUNIST-INFILTRATED. THIS SAME ACCUSATION LEVELED BY JEHAN IN RESPONSE TO JOHNSON SPEECH; SAID NATIONALISM ONLY TRUE CHECK TO COMMUNISM. KAYHAN, COMMENTING ON KENNEDY PRESS CONFERENCE, SAID THERE MUCH ILL WILL TOWARD US SINCE IT LABELS ANY FREEDOM MOVEMENT COMMUNIST, SINCE US SUPPORTS TYRANNICAL GROUPS TRYING TO MAINTAIN COLONIAL RULE; SAYS US POLICY NOT WORTHY OF LEADER OF FREE WORLD. (UNCLASSIFIED)

4. BOWLES-MCGHEE: TOP-LEVEL JOB SHIFTS CAUSED CONSIDERABLE COMMENT SMALL PAPERS, MUCH GUSSING. SEVERAL CLAIMED MOVE INDICATIVE GROWING IMPORTANCE IN US POLICY. SEVERAL NOTE MCGHEE "CONNECTION" WITH MOSADEQ WHEN ASST. SECY., SPECULATE ON WHAT THIS MAY MEAN FOR NATIONAL FRONT.

COMMENT: INTEREST SOON LIED. (UNCLASSIFIED)

B. RADIO

1. RADIO-IRAN: STATION STILL SLANTING NEWS SUMMARIES TO WESTERN POINT OF VIEW. ON 4 DEC. MADE FIRST DIRECT REPLY TO RADIO MOSCOW BROADCAST NOTED FOR MANY MONTHS; CITED SATELLITE SOURCES TO REFUTE RM CLAIM ARRESTED IS FAHAN COMMUNISTS REALLY

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NATIONAL FRONTIERS. (UNCLASSIFIED)

2. RADIO MOSCOW/NVI/PEYK-E IRAN/PEKING: RM DEVOTED INCREASED TIME TO CRITICISM IRAN GOV, INCLUDING DIRECT ATTACKS ON SHAH, AMINI; EMPHASIZED GOVT'S ALLEGED STIFLING OF PEOPLE'S RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS, CRUELTY, SELL-OUT TO WESTERN IMPERIALISTS, AND INCURRING OF BACK-BREAKING AND UNNECESSARY MILITARY EXPENSE. MAJOR MORTAZAVI, IRANIAN DEFECTOR, SCOFFED AT SHAH AND AMINI'S "PRETENDED" PIETY. MORTAZAVI SAID HE VISITED MAXIM'S IN PARIS AND WAS SHOWN PHOTOS OF SHAH OGLING NUDE DANCERS; ALSO POINTED OUT FERVOR FOR ISLAM NOT CONSONANT WITH SHAH AND AMINI'S VAST WEALTH, OR THEIR PERMITTING BOTTLING AND SELLING OF LIQUOR AND OPERATION NUMEROUS GAMBLING HOUSES IN IRAN. RM SAID SAVAK IMPRISONED LARGE NUMBER STUDENTS FOR DISTRIBUTING LEAFLETS CALLING FOR ELECTIONS. DECRIED AMINI'S ASSOCIATING NATIONAL FRONT WITH COMMUNISTS; SAID AMINI LEARNED THIS TACTIC FROM SENATOR MCCARTHY WHILE AMBASSADOR TO US. SAID RUSSIAN PEOPLE SUPPORT IRANIAN PEOPLE, WHO STRUGGLE AGAINST SHAH'S EFFORTS TO RETURN TO MIDDLE AGES. QUOTED LONG ARTICLE FROM PARIS MAGAZINE TRIBUNE DE NATION AS DETAILING TERRIBLE CONDITIONS EXTANT IRAN AND PREDICTING EARLY END OF SHAH'S REGIME.

NVI CONTINUES BE LARGELY MUFFLED BY LOKB ORIENTAL-LANGUAGE BROADCASTS, NOW IDENTIFIED AS RADIO PEKING. ONE INTELLIGIBLE BROADCAST REPEATED OLD CHARGES THAT SHAH AND AMINI CARRY OUT INSTRUCTIONS OF US, BRITISH AMBASSADORS, AND REPEATED ALLEGED STATEMENT BY PRIMIN'S BROTHER THAT AMINI ONCE ACCEPTED \$5 MILLION BRIBE TO TURN OVER IRANIAN OIL TO US.

RADIO PEKING IRAN FEATURED VIOLENT APPROACH SIMILAR TO USUAL NVI LINE, THOUGH STYLE SOMEWHAT SIMPLER, MORE CONCISE. NOTED CENTO COMMUNICATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING IN TEHRAN; DISCUSSED HEAVY BURDEN OF CENTO EXPENSES AT TIME WHEN THOUSANDS ARE STARVING AND UNEMPLOYED. CALLED FOR FORMATION OF UNITED FRONT TO INCLUDE NATIONAL FRONT AND TUDAH PARTY, BY WHICH DIFFERENT CLASSES COULD AMASS STRENGTH TO DESTROY PRESENT "BLOODTHIRSTY" REGIME.

RADIO PEKING RESUMED PERSIAN LANGUAGE BROADCASTS, THREE TIMES DAILY TO IRAN AND AFGHANISTAN; MONITORED COMMENT MADE NO MENTION IRANIAN AFFAIRS. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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1. TIA PRODUCTION: SINCE JULY 1961, ARMAMENT DEPARTMENT HAS PRODUCED 42,000 BAYONET SCABBARDS. WEEKLY PRODUCTION RATE 4,100. (CONFIDENTIAL)

COMMENT: SCABBARDS NOT MAP ISSUE ITEM. (CONFIDENTIAL)

2. NEW ATTACHE: COLONEL ABBAS S. MEHDI RECENTLY REPLACED COLONEL V.S. CHOPRA AS MILITARY ATTACHE TO IRAN FROM INDIA. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: NORMAL REASSIGNMENT. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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C. AIR FORCE - NEGATIVE.

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I. POLITICAL

A. INTERNAL

1. STUDENTS HOLD DEMONSTRATION: UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' ANTI-GOVERNMENT DEMONSTRATION COMMEMORATING DEATH THREE TECHNOLOGY STUDENTS IN 1953 TOOK PLACE AS EXPECTED DECEMBER 7. MEETING CONFINED TO UNIVERSITY GROUNDS AND LIMITED TO PROTESTS AGAINST ILLEGAL STATUS OF AMINI XXX AND LACK OF XXX NO VIOLENCE OCCURRED. SIMILAR GESTURES SYMPATHY ON PART OF UNIVERSITY STUDENTS TOOK PLACE TABRIZ, MASHED, ISFAHAN ON SAME DAY. HEAVY SECURITY FORCES WERE IN EVIDENCE IN ALL OUR CITIES, BUT WERE NOT CALLED UPON. FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY COMMENT: STUDENTS' UNEVENTFUL MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED NFL'S REVERSAL OF ITS PLAN HOLD DEMONSTRATION IN TEHRAN DECEMBER 5. FACED WITH LACK OF WILL AND DETERMINATION BY NFL LEADERSHIP, STUDENTS SEEM TO HAVE GONE THROUGH RATHER PRO FORMAL DEMONSTRATION (CONFIDENTIAL)

2. GOI GRANTS CZECH OVERFLIGHT PRIVILEGES: FON MIN OFFICIAL INFORMED EMBASSY GOI HAD DECIDED GRANT OVERFLIGHT PRIVILEGES TO CZECH AIRLINE. (CONFIDENTIAL)
COMMENT: FON OFF HAD BEEN DRAGGING FEET FOR MONTHS ON CZECH REQUEST FOR OVERFLIGHT AND LANDING RIGHTS AGREEMENT. GOI SAW NO GROUNDS DENY OVERFLIGHT VIEW CHICAGO CONVENTION AND FACT CZECHS HAD SIGNED AN AGREEMENT WITH AFGHANS AND

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ARIANA NOW FLYING KABUL-PRAGUE. (CONFIDENTIAL)

II. PSYCHOLOGICAL

A. PRESS

1. NUCLEAR TESTS: WIRE SERVICE REPORTS CONCERNING U.S. BLAST CARRIED ON INSIDE PAGES; NO EDITORIAL COMMENT SO FAR. MEANWHILE POPULAR WEEKLY TEHRAN MOSAVAR CARRIED STORY REPORTING PETITION OF LEUNUE IRANIAN WOMEN LAWYERS STATING "NUCLEAR TESTS, WHETHER IN ATMOSPHERE, ON SEA, GROUND, OR UNDERGROUND, ARE HARMFUL AND THREATEN LIFE....THEREFORE, WE DEMAND LEADERS OF NUCLEAR NATIONS STOP TESTS." MAGAZINE ALSO REPORTED INTERVIEWS WITH SEVERAL MOTYRS WHO DEMANDED STOP TO ALL TESTING.

COMMENT: FAILURE DIFFERENTIATE VARIOUS TYPES TESTING PROBABLY TYPICAL MAJORITY OPINION; NEVERTHELESS, U.S. TEST SEEMS TO HAVE GONE ALMOST UNNOTICED.

2. VIET NAM: NOTING U.S. PUBLICATION SECRET COMMUNIST WAR PLANS REGARDING SOUTH VIET NAM, ETELAAT SAID THIS INTENDED TO JUSTIFY INCREASED MILITARY ACTIVITIES OF SUCH WOULD NOT SOLVE PROBLEM. PEOPLE NOT REALLY COMMUNIST, JUST DISSATISIFIED; SAID NGO DINH DIEM, DESPITE SOME GOOD QUALITIES, IS INEFFECTIVE, STUBBORN SELF-RIGHTEOUS, HIS REGIME DISILLUSIONED, WEAK, LACKING HOPE. DOUBTED NGO WOULD KEEP PROMISE TO U.S. TO EFFECT REFORMS. PAPER MEANWHILE HAD ELSEWHERE NOTED CHANOV IN U.S. POLICY OF ABANDONING SUPPORT INNEFFECTIVE CORRUPT REGIMES, SIDING WITH REVOLUTIONARY ELEMENTS, BUT EXPRESSED SOME SKEPTICISM HOPES FOR SUCCESS EVEN OF NEW POLICY.

3. CONGO: STEPPED-UP ACTIVITIES RECEIVED CONSIDERABLE NEWS COVERAGE, BUT LITTLE COMMENT. PEYQAM EMRUZ TWICE BLASTED IMPERIALISTS FOR PERPETUATING TSHOMBE RULE; PRAISED LUMUMBA. ETELAAT REJOICED THAT END OF KATANGA REBELLION NEAR AT HAND.

4. ALBANIA-USSR RIFT: ETELAAT OPENED DARK DAYS AHEAD FOR ALBANIA SINCE PDS ULTRA-COMMUNIST COUNTRY COULD NOT, LIKE YUGOSLAVIA, JOIN NONALIGNED BLOC AND RECEIVE WESTERN AID AT SAME TIME.

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5. AMINI GOVTC BIG PAPERS SILENT, OTHERS' COMMENT DOWN SOMEWHAT, BUT STILL MOSTLY FRIENDLY. SEVERAL PAPERS NOTE STABILITY GOVT, FACT IT HAS GAINED PUBLIC SUPPORT AND CONFIDENCE, THOUGH ONE NOTES THIS CONSPICUOUSLY UNTRUE AS REGARDS UNIVERSITY. CONSISTENTLY PRO-GOVT SETAREH TEHRAN ONE OF SEVERAL WHICH LAUDED GOVT'S REFORM MEASURES, BUT PREDICTED FAILURE UNLESS MORE SPEED, FORCEFULNESS. ELECTIONS ISSUE QUIET.

6. AZERBAIJAN DAY: PAPERS CHORUSED IN UNISON PRAISE OF POPULAR UPRISING AGAINST DICTATORSHIP, WISDOM OF SHAH, ETC.

B. RADIO

1. NUCLEAR TESTS: RADIO IRAN NEWSCAST NOTED U.S. TEST HAD PEACEFUL PURPOSES, WAS AIMED AT FINDING BETTER MINING METHODS.

2. RADIO MOSCOW/NVI/PEYK-E IRAN/PEKING: RM EMPHASIZED CAMPAIGN FOR IRANIAN ADOPTION NEUTRALIST FOREIGN POLICY, WHILE CONTINUING BLAME IRAN'S ECONOMIC, POLITICS WILLS ON "UNNECESSARY" MILITARY EXPENSES AND ALLEGED WESTERN DOMINATION IRAN GOV. SUGGESTED SHAH'S GRANT OF AUTHORITY TO AMINI DESIGNED TO ATTRACT NEW U.S., WITH GERMAN LOANS; BUT REPORTED WEST GERMANS HOLDING OUT FOR SEVERE CONDITIONS, INCLUDING STRICT SUPERVISION LOAN FUNDS BY NUMEROUS GERMAN "ADVISORS." SAID UMSO AMY OFFIERS NOW HAVE MAIN ROLE IN PURGING "UNRELIABLE" ELEMENTS FROM IRANIAN ARMY. CONTINUED REFER TO "SECRET CENTO PLANS" FOR ATOMIC BOMBARDMENT NORTHERN IRAN. MAJOR MORTAZAVI, IRANIAN DEFECTOR, ADDRESSING IRANIAN STUDENTS, TOLD OF BEING IN TEHRAN DURING "DARK DAYS" OF DECEMBER 1953 DURING WHICH THREE STUDENTS KILLED BY FORCES OF "TRAITOR" ZAHEDI WHILE DEMONSTRATING AGAINST SALE OF IRAN TO THAT "ROKER OF U.S. IMPERIALISTS, NIXON."

NVI IN BROADCAST, INTELLIGIBLE DESPITE RADIO PEKING SIGNAL, ATTACKED HAMADAN AIRFIELD AS ACTUALLY UNDER CONTROL U.S. OFFICERS, NOT IRANIANS TO WHOM IT OSTENSIBLY PRESENTED; NOTED ITS OVERSIZED RUNWAY. SAYING IT IS OBVIOUSLY MEANT FOR U.S. HEAVY BOMBERS TO ATTACK USSR. ALSO CLAIMED AMINI GOVT PLANNING "SURRENDER" PART OF IRANIAN OILFIELDS TO FRENCH FOR EXPLOITATION.

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PEYK-E IRAN COMMEMORATED ANNIVERSARY 1953 DEATHS THREE STUDENT DEMONSTRATORS BY SALUTING "MANLY" IRANIAN STUDENTS, "WHOSE STRUGGLES PROVE THAT NEITHER BULLETS, CLOSING UNIVERSITY, ARRESTS, NOR SAVAK TORTURE CHAMBERS CAN MAKE THEM BOW BEFORE OPPRESSION." ALSO MOURNS AZERBAIJAN XXX AS DAY ON WHICH U.S. AND ENGLISH IMPERIALISTS SAVED SHAH'S "ROTTEN" THRONE AND, OVER BODIES OF XXX IRANIAN PATRIOTS, FORCIBLY ENDED YEAR OF "UNPRECEDENTED ECONOMIC, SOCIAL PROGRESS" IN AZERBAIJAN.

PEKING PERSIAN BROADCASTS CONTINUED CONFINE COVERAGE TO GENERAL WORLD NEWS; PRINCIPAL COMMENT CONCERNED RED CHINESE MEMBERSHIP IN UN. TRANSLATION SAMPLE CHINESE-LANGUAGE BROADCAST COMPETING WITH NVI SHOWED CONTENT SIMILAR TO PEKING'S PERSIAN BROADCAST FOR SAME DAY. (UNCLASSIFIED)

XXX MILITARY:

A. ARMY ELEMENTS

1. AZERBAIJAN DAY PARADE: DECEMBER 12 MILITARY REVIEW USUAL EXCEPT FOR INCLUSION APPROXIMATELY ONE PLATOON SKI AND MOUNTAIN EQUIPPE IN PARACHUTE BATTALION. NAVY UNIT INCLUDED SMALL DETACHMENT FROGMEN. (UNCLASSIFIED) COMMENT: APPEARANCE OF TROOPS SOMEWHAT IMPROVED OVER LAST YEAR. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

B. NAVY-NEGATIVE

C. AIR FORCE-NEGATIVE
SIGNED HOLMES

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Meeting confined to University grounds and limited to
protests against illegal status of Amini Govt and lack of Majlis.

Please correct page 4, lines 1 thru 20 to read as follows:

Peyk-E Iran commemorated anniversary 1953 deaths three
student demonstrators by saluting "Manly" Iranian students,
"whose struggles prove that neither bullets, closing university,
arrests, nor Savak torture chambers can make them bow before
oppression." Also mourned Azerbaijan day as day on which US
and English Imperialists saved Shah's "rotten" throne and, over
bodies of "20,000" Iranian patriots, forcibly ended year of
"unprecedented economic, social progress" in Azerbaijan.

Peking Persian broadcasts continued confine coverage to
general world news; principal comment concerned Red Chinese
membership in UN. Translation sample Chinese-language broadcast
competing with NVJ showed content similar to Peking's Persian
broadcast for same day.

III. Military
A. Army

1. Azerbaijan day Parabo: Dec 12 military review
usual except for inclusion approximately one platoon ski and moun-
tain equipped elements in parachute battalion. Navy unit in-
cluded small detachment frogmen. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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I. POLITICAL

A. INTERNAL

1. BILATERAL ECONOMIC AGREEMENT SIGNED: AMB HOLMES
AND FONMIN QODS-NADHAI DEC 21 SIGNED GENERAL AGREEMENT
ECONOMIC COOPERATION, BRINGING TO CLOSE PROLONGED NEGOTIATION.(UNCLAS)
COMMENT: AGREEMENT SIMILAR EXISTING AGREEMENTS WITH
NUMEROUS COUNTRIES; PROVIDES SOUND FRAMEWORK FOR ECONOMIC,
TECHNICAL AND RELATED ASSISTANCE TO IRAN, INCLUDING
IMPORTANT CLARIFICATION IMMUNITY STATUS AID PERSONNEL.(UNCLAS)

2. FISHERIES TRIAL: FIRST OF AMINI GOVT'S ANTI-
CORRUPTION TRIALS COMPLETED WITH DEC 20 ANNOUNCEMENT OF
FISHERIES TRIAL VERDICTS. SIX OF SEVEN DEFENDANTS CONVICTED,

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RECEIVED JAIL SENTENCES, AND FINES RANGING FROM \$5,400 TO
\$524,500. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: DURING COURSE OF TRIAL WHICH LASTED MORE THAN
TWO MONTHS, PUBLIC INTEREST IN GOVT'S ANTI-CORRUPTION CAMPAIGN
WAS CONSIDERABLY DISSIPATED. EMBASSY EXPECTS THAT CONVICTIONS
CARRYING PRISON TERMS AND HEAVY FINES FOR LEADING DEFENDANTS
WILL PARTIALLY RESTORE CONFIDENCE IN GOVT'S DETERMINATION

CONTINUE WITH CORRUPTCPN TRIALS. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

3. PRIME MINISTER'S STATEMENTS:

(1) OIL PROBLEMS: AT STUDENT FORUM DEC 17
CHIEFLY DEVOTED TO OIL QUESTIONS, PRIMIN CATEGORICALLY DENIED
RUMORS GOI HAD GIVEN FINAL APPROVAL TO CONSORTIUM'S ACCOUNTS.

REPEATED DEFENSE OF OIL AGREEMENT WHICH HE HAD NEGOTIATED AS
"BEST POSSIBLE AT THE TIME." AMINI'S OTHER REMARKS JUSTIFIED
PRESENCE FOREIGN OIL EXPERTS; REFERRED TO PROGRESSIVE
IRANIZATION OIL INDUSTRY AND EMPHASIZED IMPORTANT IRAN REDUCE
COSTS REMAIN COMPETITIVE IN WORLD OIL INDUSTRY; DENIED IRAN
SELLING LESS CRUDE ON WORLD MARKET THAN WAS HER DUE.
CONCLUDED BY SAYING PUBLIC CRITICIZED OIL AGREEMENT WITHOUT
ALWAYS UNDERSTANDING THIS HIGHLY TECHNICAL DOCUMENT WHICH FEW
HAD EVEN READ. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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COMMENT: AMINI'S REMARKS MOST EXTENSIVE COMMENT ON OIL MATTERS HE HAS YET MADE. THEY GENERALLY MODERATE AND CONSTRUCTIVE, WITH EXCEPTION HIS REFERENCE TO "CLEARANCE" CONSORTIUM ACCOUNTS. CONSORTIUM SOURCES BELIEVE "CLEARANCE" MIGHT REFER TO POSTED PRICE DECREASES IN 1960 RATHER THAN NARROW ISSUE REFINERY PROFITS WHICH WOULD RAISE IMPORTANT AND FUNDAMENTAL ISSUE RIGHT OIL COMPANIES ALTER PRICES. (CONF)

(2) CRITICISM OF GOVT.: PRIMIN AMINI ALSO TOLD STUDENT FORUM THOSE WHO OPPOSED HIM WITH SHOUTS OF "FREEDOM" AND "THE CONSTITUTION" REPRESENTED VESTED INTERESTS HURT BY HIS REFORM PROGRAM. CLAIMED BASELESS CRITICISM WAS CREATING UNREST AND DAMAGING GOVT EMPLOYEES' MORALE. (UNCLASSIFIED)

(3) GOA: AT PRESS CONFERENCE PRIMIN EXPRESSED REGRET OVER INDIA'S RESORT TO FORCE OVER ISSUE OF PORTUGUESE ENCLAVE, DECLARED SANCTION SUCH MEASURES WOULD JEOPARDIZE INTERESTS SMALL AND WEAK NATIONS AND ASSERTED SUCH RESORT TO FORCE FOR RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES WAS DANGEROUS "FROM OUR REGIONAL VIEWPOINT." (UNCLASSIFIED)

B. EXTERNAL

1. IRAN-AFGHANISTAN: AFGHAN TRANSPORTATION DELEGATION HEADED BY UNDER SECTY COMMERCE ARRIVED TEHRAN DEC 20 TO CONCLUDE TRANSIT AGREEMENT PURSUANT EXCHANGE OF LETTERS EFFECTED YEAR AGO DURING NEGOTIATION OF TRADE AGREEMENT AND VISIT OF IRANIAN PRIMIN TO KABUL. DISCUSSIONS EXPECTED COVER QUESTION OF REDUCED RAILWAY RATES ON COMMODITIES IN

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TRANSIT TO AND FROM AFGHANISTAN AND ROAD MAINTENANCE MESSED

TO HERAT. (CONFIDENTIAL)

COMMENT: WHILE PAK-AFGHAN BORDER CLOSURE PROVIDES COMPEL-

LING REASON FOR CONCLUDING AGREEMENT NOW, IRANIANS HOPE FOR

LONG TERM BENEFIT IN EXPORT SALES TO AFGHANISTAN. GOVT IS ALSO
PLEASED HAVE OPPORTUNITY REDUCE AFGHAN DEPENDENCE ON USSR. (CONF)

II. PSYCHOLOGICAL

A. PRESS

(1) GOA: ETELAAT, TWO SMALL PAPERS, FLATLY APPROVE
INVASION AS COMPLETELY JUSTIFIABLE; JOINED BY KAYHAN, WHICH
REGRETTING USE OF FORCE, SAYS IN VIEW OF PORTUGUESE STUBORNNESS,
INDIA TOOK ONLY POSSIBLE COURSE. KAYHAN, ONE OTHER NOTE THOSE
WESTERN POWERS NOW CRYING SHAME ARE REALLY AT FAULT THEMSELVES
FOR NOT BRINGING ADEQUATE PRESSURE ON PORTUGAL. GOVT MOUTHPIECE
SETAREH TEHRAN FLATLY CONDEMNS ACTION; FARMAN, THOUGH RECOGNIZING
BASIC JUSTICE INDIAN ACTION, SAYS IT HAS GRAVE IMPLICATIONS,
ASKS WHO IS TO DEFINE A "COLONY?" WILL NOT APPROVAL THIS
CASE ENCOURAGE PAKISTAN, FOR EXAMPLE, TO FREE KASHMIR FROM
INDIAN "COLONIALISTS?" (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: IN VIEW OF EMOTIONAL ANTI-IMPERIALISM OF MOST

PERSIANS, NEHRU WILL PROBABLY GAIN MORE THAN HE LOSES HERE. (OUO)

(2) VOLTA DAM LOAN: ETELAAT REFERS TO KENNEDY'S

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SAYS IT IS NOT THE FORM BUT THE ESSENCE OF POPULAR
PARTICIPATION WHICH IS DECISIVE; RECOMMENDS, SINCE TRUE
AND FULL DEMOCRACY NOT POSSIBLE, PEOPLE BE GIVEN OPPORTUNITY
ASSERT THEMSELVES IN LOCAL AFFAIRS AT LEAST. (UNCLASSIFIED)

B. RADIO

1. RADIO MOSCOW/NVI/PEYK-E IRAN/ PEKING: RM CONCENTRATED
ITS FIRE ON AMINI, FOREIGN "MONOPOLIST" INFLUENCE IN IRAN.
QUOTED ARTICLE FROM MAGAZINE WORLD ECONOMY AND INTERNATIONAL
RELATIONS AS SAYING AMINI APPOINTED PRIMIN AT US INSISTENCE
AFTER PROMISING US ESPIONAGE AND OIL COMPANY AGENTS TO BE
GENEROUS TO US AND PERMIT ATOMIC BASES IN IRAN. SAID AMINI
THE QAJAR, SIGNER OF ILLEGAL
ZORTIUM AGREEMENT, FALSELY
CLAIMED REDUCTION IN NUMBER FOREIGN EXPERTS EMPLOYED BY
IRANIAN OIL INDUSTRY, WHILE HIDING CONTINUING MASS DISMISSAL
IRANIAN WORKERS. REPORTED CORRUPTION OF MOWLEM COMPANY,
ENGLISH FIRM WHICH ALLEGEDLY BUILT 10 KILOMETERS OF ROADS
WHILE RECEIVING 1.5 BILLION RIALS FROM PLAN ORG, AS EXAMPLE
FOREIGNERS IMPORTED BY RULING CLASS TO HELP STEAL NATION'S
WEALTH. NOTED INCREASING WEST GERMAN ECONOMIC PENETRATION
IRAN, WARNED THAT GERMAN MONOPOLISTS STILL SEEK WORLD
POLITICAL DOMINATION. RENEWED OFFER OF SOVIET ECONOMIC
AID WITH "NO STRINGS ATTACHED." DEPLORED NEWSPAPERS'
REFUSAL TO PUBLICIZE UNIV TEHRAN STUDENT DEMONSTRATION;

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"REALISM," TO "BOLD AMERICAN DECISION," SAYS DESPITE NKRUMAH'S WASTEFUL SELF-INDULGENCE, HE IS NOT CORRUPT, NOT COMMUNIST, AND US DECISION NOT TOO RISKY. PEYQAM EMRUZ SAYS THIS OPENS NEW CHAPTER IN US POLICY IN THAT AID GIVEN CHIEFLY FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; ADDS WESTERN STATEMENTS RE GIVING AID TO COMBAT COMMUNISM ONLY IRRITATE RECIPIENTS. (UNCLAS)

(3) OTHER US AID: ETELAAT SAYS THAT THOUGH US HAS GIVEN UP ILLUSIONS AMERICAN-STYLE DEMOCRACY IN DEVELOPING NATIONS, IT STILL HOPES TO EXPORT ITS ECONOMY. RESULT OF US AID, THEREFORE, HAS BEEN

CONSUMER-ORIENTED GROWTH IN MOST CASES. IN SOUTH KOREA, FOR EXAMPLE, NEON LIGHTS AND SKYSCRAPERS HAVE GROWN UP WHILE NORTH CHARACTERIZED BY NEW FACTORIES. (UNCLASSIFIED)

FKRL AMINI GOVT MILDLY CRITICAL BUT MOSTLY NOT UNFRIENDLY COMMENT CONTINUES IN ABUNDANCE. PRINCIPAL THEME GAP BETWEEN AMINI PROMISES AND FULFILMENT, SLOWNESS IN TAKING ACTION, ABSENCE ANY EVIDENCE OF TRUE REFORMS.

ESLAHAT IRAN NOTES PEOPLE EXPECTED NOTHING OF PREVIOUS GOVTS, BUT THIS ONE IS ON THE SPOT, ESPECIALLY BECAUSE OF ROYAL FIRMAN; THEREFORE IT MUST PRODUCE INFLUENTIAL WEEKLY KHANDANIHA SAID IT BETTER HAVE NO MAJLIS THAN BAD ONE, AND GOVT, GIVEN GOOD WILL, CAN ACT CONSTITUTIONALLY WITHOUT MAJLIS. ETELAAT ARGUES THAT ADHERENCE TO FORMS OF DEMOCRACY DOES NOT GUARANTEE SUCCESS OF NATIONAL POLICY,

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MAI KESSED "WORLD YOUTH" SUPPORT FOR VALIANT IRANIAN STUDENTS. MAJOR MORTAZAVI, IRANIAN DEFECTOR, CALLED ON IRANIAN SOLDIERS, OFFICERS TO FIGHT FOR "THE PEOPLE", NOT SHAH, DURING "COMING OVERTHROW" OF "IMPERIALISTS". NVI, MOSTLY MUFFLED BY PEKING CHINESE LANGUAGE

BROADCASTS, SAID SHAH AND AMINI MUST INEVITABLY SURRENDER TO NATION'S DEMAND FOR ELECTIONS.

PEYK-E IRAN CONCENTRATED ON HIGH-LEVEL CORRUPTION.

SAID REPORT OF PAHLAVI FOUNDATION ASSETS DISCLOSES VAST EXTENT SHAH'S "PLUNDER" OF GOVT TREASURY AND PUBLIC PROPERTY, BY MEANS SUCH AS SALE OF SAADABAD PALACE TO PLAN ORG FOR \$32 MILLION. SAID HEROIN SMUGGLING IS PRINCESS ASHRAF'S

MONOPOLY, IMPORTATION OF MERCEDES-BENZ BUSES IS QOLAM REZA'S.

DEMANDED PROSECUTION SHAH, ROYAL FAMILY, AND "ALL OTHER

LAWBREAKERS." QUOTED NEWSPAPER DIPLOMAT LISTING OF MANY

PERSONS SOON TO BE PROSECUTED FOR EMBEZZLEMENT AND BRIBERY,

INCLUDING KHALIL ESFANDIAR, FATHER OF EX-QUEEN SORAYA,

AND GEN HEDAYAT, FORMER CHIEF OF STAFF; SAID PEOPLE HAVE

LOST ALL CONFIDENCE IN REGIME SO THOROUGHLY CORRUPT.

PEKING PERSIAN LANGUAGE BROADCASTS CONTINUED CONFINE COVERAGE TO NON-IRANIAN AFFAIRS.

III. MILITARY

NEGATIVE

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I. POLITICAL

A. INTERNAL

1. AMINI'S STATEMENTS: PRIMIN AMINI QUOTED IN PRESS AS REBUFFING CRITICS OF HIS "MEET THE PEOPLE" CAMPAIGN AND DECLARING HE WOULD CONTINUE ATTEMPT TO ENLIGHTEN PUBLIC IN EVERY SPARE MOMENT. ACCUSED MAJORITY OF FORMER MAJLIS DEPUTIES OF DEMAGOGUERY IN THEIR ATTEMPT OBTAIN PUBLICITY THROUGH DESTRUCTIVE CRITICISM. REBUKED IRANIANS IN GENERAL FOR BEING TOO DEMANDING AND ADVISED PEOPLE TURN TO GOD INSTEAD OF COMPLAINING SO MUCH. IN ANOTHER ADDRESS AMINI ADVISED EDUCATED, PROFESSIONAL GROUP CONCERNED WITH NATIONAL PROGRESS TO WORK FOR "DISPOSSESSED CLASS" WHICH IS DENIED MINIMUM STANDARD LIVING. ASKED WHAT IS GOOD OF HAVING MAJLIS AND SENATE IF WE CANNOT MEET NEEDS OF PEOPLE. ON FOREIGN POLICY AMINI DECLARED "PAST EXPERIENCE LED US TO ALIGNMENT WITH WEST AND WE WILL NOT ABANDON THIS STAND. AT SAME TIME WE WANT FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH NORTHERN NEIGHBOR." (UNCLASSIFIED)

2. CABINET CHANGE: MIN INDUSTRIES AND MINES FARIVAR RESIGNED BECAUSE ILL HEALTH, REPLACED BY TAQI SARLAK, EX UNDERSEC MIN ROADS AND CHIEF PLAN ORG COMMUNICATIONS DEPT. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: SARLAK WELL-KNOWN TO UMS. FROM WORK AT MIN ROADS, CONSIDERED COOPERATIVE, COMPETENT. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

3. GOODRICH SHUTDOWN: LOCAL GOODRICH TIRE PLANT CLOSED

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DOWN FOR HOLIDAYS IN ACCORDANCE PRE-PLANNED MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE. AMERICAN MANAGER, HOWEVER, HAS INFORMED GOI PLANT MAY REMAIN CLOSED INDEFINITELY UNLESS GOI PROVIDES LONG-DISCUSSED INFANT INDUSTRY PROTECTION IN FORM TIRE IMPORT RESTRICTIONS, FORCED PURCHASE GOODRICH TIRES BY PUBLIC AGENCIES. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

COMMENT: GOI FAILURE TO IMPLEMENT REPEATED PROTECTION PROMISES HAS FACED GOODRICH PLANT WITH LOW SALES, HIGH INVENTORIES. EMB HAS WARNED GOI THAT FAILURE THIS PLANT, WHICH WIDELY KNOWN AS PILOT FOREIGN INVESTMENT PROJECT, COULD HAVE ADVERSE EFFECT OTHER PROSPECTIVE FOREIGN INVESTMENT. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

II. PSYCHOLOGICAL

A. PRESS

1. US POLICY: IN TWO EDITORIALS MAJOR DAILY ETELAAT OPINED NO MIRACLES SHOULD BE EXPECTED FROM BERMUDA CONFERENCE SINCE ANGLO-SAXONS NO LONGER HOLD UNDISPUTED SWAY OVER ACTIONS ALLIES. PRAISED US "WITHDRAWAL" FROM POSITION WORLD LEADERSHIP IN FAVOR OF, NOT UK, BUT EEC,¹ WHICH SHOULD BECOME THIRD POWER AND RELIEVE US OF MANY BURDENS. SAID, ²"AMERICANS HAVE ONCE AND FOR ALL GIVEN UP ILLUSION OF BEING UNCHALLENGED LEADER FREE WORLD." "PERHAPS NEVER BEFORE HAS GREAT POWER SHOWN SUCH DESIRE FOR BIRTH AND GROWTH OF A RIVAL...THIS IS KENNEDY'S ANSWER TO KHRUSHCHEV." (UNCLASSIFIED)

2. GOA: INTEREST THIS ISSUE STILL HIGH, WITH SPATE OF SMALL PAPERS LAUDING TAKEOVER, THREE OF THEM DEMANDING IRAN DO SAME REGARDING BAHREIN. BAMSAD, SYMPATHIZING WITH INDIA, CRITICIZED PM'S DISAPPROVAL OF INDIAN ACTION AS POLITICALLY UNWISE, RISKING OFFENDING INDIA JUST TO PLEASE AMERICA; POINTED OUT UK, PAKISTAN DO NOT ALWAYS BLINDLY FOLLOW US LEAD, YET GOOD ALLIES, RECEIVE AID. PEYQAM EMRUZ, LATELY NOTABLY FRIENDLY US, ADDRESSED LENGTHY OPEN LETTER TO STEVENSON PLEADING INDIAN CASE, POINTING OUT US TOO TEAR SELF LOOSE FROM COLONIALISM; SAID IF UN TO BE ORGAN FOR PROTECTING COLONIALISM, BETTER IT SHOULD JOIN LEAGUE IN GRAVE. MEANWHILE, NO COMMENT FAVORING OTHER SIDE OF CASE. ONE PAPER NOTED PM'S STATEMENT NOT BROADCAST BY (GOVT-OWNED) RADIO, AND ENGLISH-LANGUAGE ECHO GUessed GOVT AVOIDING TAKING OFFICIAL POSITION. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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3. CONGO: ETELAAT, SKEPTICAL SIGNIFICANCE TSCHOMBE DECLARATION, SAID DECISION REALLY RESTS WITH UNION MINIERE, WHICH SHOULD PERMIT KATANGA JOIN CONGO FEDERATION, ACCEPTING AUTHORITY CENTRAL GOVT IN THEORY WHILE REMAINING AUTONOMOUS IN PRACTICE. THIS ONLY PARTIAL SOLUTION, BUT PERMITS FACE-SAVING WAY OUT OF IMPASSE. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: VIRTUALLY UNANIMOUS OPINION THAT SOLUTION CONGO ISSUE BEING PREVENTED BY BELGIAN-FRENCH-BRITISH INTERESTS. (UNCLASSIFIED)

4. RED CHINA: SETAREH TEHRAN CALLED FOR RECOGNITION NOT ONLY BULGARIA, BUT ALBANIA, RED CHINA.

COMMENT: THIS SURPRISING BECAUSE PAPER HAS BEEN CONSISTENTLY PRO-AMINI, PUBLISHER BEING GOOD FRIEND, AND REGULARLY ECHOES GOVT LINE. EMB INFORMED THAT REPORT FROM SOFIA CLAIMING IRAN, BULGARIA SOON TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS UNTRUE. (CONFIDENTIAL)

5. CORRUPTION: THOUGH SEVERAL SMALL PAPERS STILL CRYING, "OFF WITH THEIR HEADS," AS REGARDS POWERFUL INFLUENTIALS, CONVICTIONS RETURNED IN CAVIAR TRIALS ROUSED VIRTUALLY NO COMMENT OTHER THAN LOUD HOORAY FROM PRO-GOVT SETAREH TEHRAN. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: WHILE VERDICT HAS PROBABLY HELPED GOVT SOME, PUBLIC IN GENERAL NOT NOTICEABLY IMPRESSED. (UNCLASSIFIED)

6. FOREIGN PRESS CRITICISM: EMBASSY NOTES OCCASIONAL AND INCREASINGLY IRRITATED REACTIONS RECENT MONTHS TO RATHER FOMIDABLE SERIES ARTICLES IN FOREIGN PRESS (SULZBERGER, LIPPMANN, SALISBURY, LONDON ECONOMIST, LONDON TIMES, NEWS MAGAZINES). TYPICAL WAS LAST WEEK'S CRY OF TAJADDOD IRAN, SAYING SALISBURY IS "HIS MASTER'S VOICE," MOUTHPIECE OF US, INTENDED TO MAKE NATIONS SUBDUED BY IMPERIALISM TREMBLE WITH FEAR. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: SALISBURY'S CRITICAL DEC. 4 NYT ARTICLE PRINTED HERE, THOUGH AFTER CONSIDERABLE DELAY (DELIVERY OF NYT ITSELF WAS DELAYED FULL WEEK). ENGLISH VERSION OMITTED ONLY HALF A SENTENCE, FARSI ONLY A FEW LINES REFERRING TO SHAH AND TO NATIONAL FRONT. (UNCLASSIFIED)

B. RADIO

1. RADIO MOSCOW/NVI/PEYK-E IRAN/PEKING: RM REVIEWED

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7-YEAR PERIOD SINCE IRANO-SOVIET AGREEMENT ON BORDERS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS, BY WHICH USSR "SOUGHT GOOD-NEIGHBOR RELATIONS WITH IRAN; SAID DESPITE SOVIET OFFER "NO STRINGS-ATTACHED" AID FOR CONSTRUCTION, INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, AND OIL EXPLOITATION, ALL TO BE CARRIED OUT BY IRANIANS THEMSELVES, IRANIAN RULING CLASS CONCLUDED BILATERAL AGREEMENT WITH US, DIRECTED AGAINST USSR, AND PARTICIPATED IN HORRIBLE PLANS REVEALED IN SECRET CENTO DOCUMENTS. NOTED THAT SHAH IN MEMOIRS BLAMES USSR FOR STRAINED RELATIONS; IN REPLY QUOTED PROVERB, "A LIAR IS FORGETFUL". CLAIMED DISSATISFACTION INTENSIFYING OVER CONTINUED POSTPONEMENT ELECTIONS. SAID WHILE "LIBERATION" OF GOA HAILED BY ALL PEOPLES OF WORLD, INCLUDING IRANIANS, AMINI IN SPEECH TO IRANIAN PRESS ASSOCIATION ATTACKED NEHRU'S POLICY: SAID AMINI TRIES TO SHIELD IMPERIALISTS, IS ENEMY OF NEWLY-INDEPENDENT EASTERN NATIONS. DESCRIBED ALLEGED OUTRAGE BY 2 DRUNKEN AMERICANS WHO BEAT UP IRANIAN NAMED MOHAMMED ON COUNTRY ROAD, FORCEABLY CARRIED OFF HIS SISTER MONIR IN THEIR JEEP. MAJOR MORTAZAVI, IRANIAN DEFECTOR, TOLD IRANIANS THAT LITTLE-KNOWN US GENERAL ELIVEN LIGON, HEAD OF CENTO MILITARY COMMITTEE, COMMANDS SHAH AND IRANIAN ARMY; CALLED FOR WITHDRAWAL IRAN FROM WESTERN ALLIANCES.

PEYK-E IRAN, COMMENTING ON AZERBAIJAN DAY AMNESTY FOR NUMBER PRISONERS CONFINED SEVEN YEARS FOR TREASON, SAID REAL "TRAITORS" ARE SHAH AND ACCOMPLICES SUCH AS GENERALS KHOSROVANI, BAKHTIAR, AND AZMUDEH. RENEWED ATTACKS ON SHAH'S FARMAN SUPPORTING AMINI GOVT, SAYING THAT 50 YEARS AFTER CONSTITUTIONAL REVOLUTION SHAH DEPRIVES PEOPLE OF RIGHTS EVEN MORE THAN DID MOZAFER-ED-DIN SHAH. CONTINUED LAUD STUDENT DEMONSTRATOR "MARTYRS" SHOT DOWN 8 YEARS AGO "BY SHAH'S ORDER."

PEKING HAD NO NEWS OR COMMENT ON IRAN. BROADCAST GOVT COMMUNIQUE SUPPORTING INDIAN GOV ON RETURN OF GOA TO INDIA. (UNCLASSIFIED)

III. MILITARY

A. ARMY

1. SHAH INAUGURATES HIGH COMMAND AND JOINT STAFF COLLEGE: HIGH COMMAND AND JOINT STAFF COLLEGE OFFICIALLY OPENED BY SHAH 23 DEC. FIRST CLASS CONSISTS 18 OFFICERS, 3-6 CIVILIANS, WHO WILL BE ASSIGNED AS FACULTY INSTRUCTORS FOR SUBSEQUENT CLASSES.

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FIRST REGULAR CLASS EXPECTED COMMENCE IN JUNE OR JULY 1962.
BRIG. GEN ALI ASGHAR FIUZI APPOINTED COMMANDANT. (UNCLASSIFIED)

B. NAVY - NEGATIVE

C, AIR FORCE - NEGATIVE

SGD ROCKWELL

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